Grace Newsletter

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THE ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE for Grace Lutheran Church will be accepting grant applications starting January 1 through March 15, 2018. Applications for projects which provide support to missions, education, youth, worship, and music and/or capital projects will be considered.

OFFERING STATEMENTS FOR 2017 will be ready and available for you to pick up in the foyer on Sunday, January 7th. Some 2018 offering envelopes are still on the Welcome Center in the foyer. If you have not picked your envelopes up, please do so today.

Please remember that the newsletter is available in four different formats to our members: 1) You can download it off the website at www.gracedewitt.org; 2) You can receive it via email; 3) We can mail it to your home; or 4) You can pick it up on the Welcome Center located in the church foyer. Please contact the church office if you would like to receive the Newsletter via email or mail so that we can add you to our list. If you have any questions about this, please contact Kerry at the church office.

The 2018 Chancel/Altar Flower sign up sheet is available at the Welcome Center. We are asking members to donate bouquets in honor of or in memory of persons or events. Each bouquet is $21 and there will be two bouquets each week. Please sign up for your preferred dates on the flower calendar, put your payment in the envelope provided and slide the envelope through the mail slot in the secretary's door. You may purchase one or both bouquets.

Church Voters Meeting
Monday, January 8th
@ 7:00 p.m.

Camp Annual Board Meeting
Monday, January 8th following Church Voters Meeting
@ Grace Lutheran Church

- Annual Election of Camp Board Members
- Reviewing of 2017 Reports

Please come and support the church and camp.

Reformation 501

Re-Evangelizing the Western World:
THE CASE OF SPAIN

Guest Speakers

Rev. Dr. Detlev Schulz, Concordia Theological Seminary Ft Wayne
Rev. David Warner, LCMS Missionary to Spain

A theological, cultural and practical symposium on the opportunities for Lutheran Church Planting in the western world of the 21st century.

When the stone churches of Europe stand empty,
God rebuilds His Church with Living Stones

Saturday January 27, 2018
10 am—3 pm

Office of Iowa District East
1100 Blairs Ferry Rd
Marion, Iowa 52302

Learn about opportunities to partner with the Lutheran Mission in Spain, as well as gain insights for the mission and ministry of your congregation in the North American context.

Lunch Provided -- Please RSVP by January 24, 2018
by emailing Pam at pam@lcmside.org
subject line: Spain Mission Conf
Hosted by Iowa District East, LCMS

IMPORTANT

Deadline for submitting articles for the February Newsletter is January 15th at 9 a.m.

Special Gifts Given Include:

In loving memory of Wanda Johannsen $310 was given to Grace Lutheran Church, $250 to Grace Camp and $250 Grace Lutheran Preschool.

In loving memory of Myron Workman $25 was given to Grace Lutheran Church.

In loving memory of Joel Hinck $20 was given to Grace Lutheran Preschool.

In loving memory of Jean Doescher $10 was given to the Glory Bound Choir.

In loving memory of Jack Scott $10 was given to Grace Lutheran Church.

SERVING THIS MONTH:

The Elders: 8:00 AM Lauren Hansen
10:30 AM Scott Havener

Organist: Diana Baetke

		The Acolytes	A/V Tech.
7-Jan	8:00 AM	Carver Krukow	Rich Matzen
	10:30 AM	Madison Lawrence	Rich Matzen
14-Jan	8:00 AM	Audrey Small	Vicki Becker
	10:30 AM	Cole Tobey	Vicki Becker
21-Jan	8:00 AM	Colin Albrecht	Rich Matzen
	10:30 AM	Elyce Burzlaff	Rich Matzen
28-Jan	8:00 AM	Matthew Diercks	Need Volunteer
	10:30 AM	Carter Drury	Need Volunteer

Wellness Ministry –
Human Care reporting:

With the Parish Nurse on leave of absence, the Wellness Ministry committee has not met, but Human Care activities have continued. In December, the Human Care Committee's mission outreach activity was delivering cookie plates:

Cookie plates [22] were delivered to Grace Lutheran members who are shut-ins – either mostly confined to home or living in a residential facility (in Clinton, Davenport, Bettendorf, Eldridge)

Cookie gifts were also given to each resident at West Wing [70] and at Maggie's House [24]. A plate of cookies was also shared with Claddaugh Towers.

THANK YOU: to those who baked cookies and to those who delivered cookies!!! We appreciate your sharing God's love with others.

2018 Board/Committee Members

Board of Elders
Clint Albrecht
Jon Betz
Jim Harroun
Lauren Hansen
Scott Havener
Steve Smith
David Wold
(5 Members Short)

Board of Trustees
Paul Garrity
Randy Lange
Mike Hall
Gary Smith
(1 Member Short)

GYM Trustees
Dick Block
Craig Paarmann

Board of Youth
Michelle Diercks
Troy Diercks
Anke Maass
Laura Norcross
Cindy Sperry
(1 Member Short)

Preschool Board
Kim Burzlaff
Netty Schneider
Emily Williams
Val Betz
(1 Member Short)

Board of Discipleship
Traci Butler
Wanda Brandt
Kristy Engelkes
Gayle Fuller
Julie Krukow
Joellyn McDonnell
Carol Schunter
Deb Swanson
Monica Ruggeberg

Board of Christian Ed.
Barb Dies
Jill Gisel
Mike Good
Char Harroun
Kim Steffens
Kris Walther
Shanna Tucker

Nominating Committee
(6 Members Short)

Board of Finance
Casey Walker
(4 Members Short)

Endowment Committee
David Pillers
Jon Billhorn
Grace Gotoski
Jim Owen

Council Officers
President
Scott Steffens

Past President
David Pillers

President Elect
Steve Butler

Secretary
(1 Member Short)

Installation of Officers/Board Members—On January 14th, during both services, we will be installing newly elected officers as well as returning officers.

THANK YOU!!!!! THANK YOU!!!!!

Our family would like to express our deepest thanks for all the gifts, cards, thoughts, prayers and love we received during this past Christmas season. Knowing how much we are loved and cared for is a blessing. Thanks again and know that we are blessed to call all of you our friends & family. May God bless all of you and give you a faith-filled 2018. **The Sperry's**

THANK YOU; MERCI; GRACIAS

There aren't enough ways to say how thankful I am for all your help again this year at Winter Camp. Whether you baked cookies, purchased items, said prayers, or came out to help serve meals, you are truly appreciated. Thanks again and please know that we couldn't do it without you.

SKI TRIP

Our annual Youth Ski Trip to Chestnut Mountain Resort is January 21st. The cost is **$45** per person. Please get a permission slip from the folder on the bulletin board outside of Mr. Sperry's office. Completed forms and money are due **January 10th.** We will need several more adults to help drive, so if you're willing and available, please contact Mark Sperry.

SUPER SNACK SALE FUNDRAISER

The Jr. & Sr. High youth will be selling snacks on Sunday, February 4th between services to make your party complete. Please consider purchasing some snacks and supporting Grace Lutheran Youth Ministry plans.

LASAGNA DINNER FUNDRAISER

The annual Youth Lasagna Dinner Fundraiser will be Sunday, February 18th. There will be two reservation times: 5:00 pm & 6:00 pm. Please sign-up at the table in the foyer beginning January 28th.

ATTENTION VENDORS!!!

On Saturday, March 24, 2018, Iowa District East is hosting an Early Childhood Educators Conference at Zion Lutheran Church in Hiawatha from 8:00am – 3:00 pm. We would like to offer our Early Childhood Directors and their staff the opportunity to do some shopping while at the conference. The minimum requirement is that the vendor is a member of an LCMS congregation. If you would like to participate or have more questions, please contact Jan Doellinger, Assistant to the President – Schools at 319-721-8014 or by email: jdoellinger@lcmside.org.

Grace Lutheran Preschool

Enrollment forms will be available beginning December 1, 2017 on the Preschool page of the website (www.gracedewitt.org). Enrollment forms and registration fee (3's only) may be dropped off at the church office or mailed to PO Box 156, DeWitt, IA 52742.

2018-2019 Class Schedule and Fees

3s : M & W 8:15 — 10:45 $100/mo Limited to 8
T & TH 8:15 — 10:45 $100/mo Limited to 8

- $35 registration fee due at time of enrollment.
- 3s Classes will begin after Labor Day.
- Children must be 3 on or before Sept. 15, 2018.

4s: AM 8:15—11:15 (limited to 8 students)
PM 12:00—3:00

- Must be 4 on or before September 15, 2018 to qualify for free preschool.
- 5-year-old tuition is $175/month and a $35 registration fee.

For more information, please contact the preschool office at 659-9193 (8:00-3:00 p.m. M-F) or email preschool@gracedewitt.org.

IN MEMORY OF:

Jean Doescher, 89, of DeWitt, Iowa, passed away Sunday evening, December 10, 2017, at Maggie's House Assisted Living in DeWitt.

Dorothy Jean Doescher was born August 10, 1928, to Vern and Willa (Morgan) Howson, in Clinton, Iowa. She graduated from DeWitt High School in 1945. Jean married Marvin Doescher on December 8, 1946, at Grace Lutheran

Church in DeWitt. After owning and operating Tri-County Produce with Marvin, she worked as a baker for Barnes Foodland until retiring. Marvin
preceded her in death on June 10, 1983. Jean was a member of Grace Lutheran Church, Ci-Ed Club, DeWitt bowling league, and Central Community Historical Society. She enjoyed crocheting baby hats for the area hospitals, gardening, and spending time with her family.

Surviving are her children, Sandra Lass of DeWitt, Gary Doescher of Eldridge, and David (Ellen) Doescher of Algonquin, Illinois; 5 grandchildren; 2 step-grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; a sister, Janice (Thomas) Wiebenga; a sister-in-law, Joan Lass; nieces and nephews.

Jack Scott, 82, of DeWitt, Iowa, died Wednesday evening, December 20, 2017, at Westwing Place, DeWitt.

Jackie Lee Scott was born October 28, 1935, in Elwood to the late John and Martha (Schmidt) Scott. He was a 1953 graduate of Elwood High School. Jack graduated in 1960 from the University of Iowa with a Bachelors Degree in Pharmacy. On June 23, 1962, he married Verda Thomsen in Olin at St. John Lutheran Church. Jack was a pharmacist briefly at the former Smith Drug in Davenport. In July of 1962, the couple purchased the former Thorpe Drug in DeWitt and continued to operate it as Scott Drug for 34 years until retirement in 1996. He was a member of Grace Lutheran Church, DeWitt and its finance council. Jack was active in the Chamber of Commerce, Tower Stamp Company, Jaycees and the Iowa Pharmacy Association being nominated as Honorary President for a year. He was a member of Springbrook Country Club for many years and former president. Jack's hobbies included golfing, fishing, hunting, dancing and traveling. He was a lifelong avid Hawkeye fan. Jack greatly enjoyed spending time with family and many friends.

Surviving are his wife, Verda; sons and daughters-in-law, Mike and Kathy Scott of DeWitt and Jeff and Jodi Scott of Lone Tree, Colorado; grandchildren, Mitchell Scott, Matthew Scott, Ben Scott, Maddie Scott, Garrett Finley and Alexa Finley; nieces and nephews.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY CLASSES

What if you were following a plan for your money that you KNEW worked? With Dave Ramsey's class Financial Peace University (FPU), you CAN take control of your money, get out of debt, and create a plan for your future. Grace Lutheran will host Dave Ramsey's 9-week Financial Peace University (FPU) on Thursday evenings from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm beginning January 11th. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents Biblical, practical steps to get you from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. Learn how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely and much more! Register now and purchase your materials online at http://fpu.com/1052906. If you're interested in learning more about the class, contact Mark Sperry.

Stewardship Thought

Let the New Year Begin

Somehow a New Year seems to bring revitalization. We take a deep breath, forgetting all that went wrong in the old year, and start fresh. For the Christian, this revitalization takes place daily as we remember our Baptisms, for God *"has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead"* (1 Peter 1:3). Empowered by this knowledge, let us use each day for His glory.

Prayer: Lord, in this New Year, grant me strength to put You first. Help me to seek You and Your righteousness. Thank You for the gift of Your Son Jesus, who came to live and die on the Cross so that I may live as a forgiven person who will spend life eternal with You. In Your precious name I pray. Amen.

Blessing on your stewardship journey!

LWML Mission Guild

"Serve the Lord with Gladness" *Psalm 100:2*

LWML MISSION GUILD CALENDAR

April 14, 2018 – Spring Rally at Trinity, Lowden
June 15-16, 2018 District Convention at the Cedar Rapids Marriott

THANK YOU! To those who volunteered and/or contributed food, crafts, baked goods for the November bazaar! Net profits from the bazaar were $1,339.28.

THANK YOU TO MEMBERS OF GRACE for supporting our projects. Read on to see how we are using these monies!

The monies raised by the LWML Mission Guild during 2017 include:

$ 1,339.28 – Bazaar
308.00 – Cookie Sales in May
54.00 – receipts after expenses -Spring Rally
50.00 – Quilts sold on LWML Sunday
900.00 – received for Funeral Luncheons
100.00 - donation
100.00 – Ladies Retreat
126.00 – Retired Teacher's Luncheon receipts
150.00 – Pinot Renoir Painting Party receipts

Total: $3,127.28

Mission Projects funded during 2017:

$194.61 – Praying Girl & Boy – used in Baptismal gift bags
$144.86 – Postage donations for Lutheran World Relief
$100.00 - Belize Mission Trip donation [2 members of Grace went to Belize]

Additional gifts (to missions or missionaries) will be given in December:

$400 to each seminary (St. Louis & Fort Wayne) -- Food Banks/Clothing Coop
$350 to Missionary Arthur Rickman
$400 to Missionary Leif Camp
$250 to Eastside Mission – a mission in Davenport, IA
$250 to Scott Kaczinski Music Ministry – a mission with developmentally challenged individuals in DeWitt, IA area
$200 to Lutheran Family Services (Iowa agency)
$200 towards Grace Lutheran's GYM Building debt
$150 to My Gear – a project providing items for Clinton County foster children

TOTAL GIVEN IN DECEMBER: $2,600.00

Reported by LWML Mission Guild treasurer, Grace Gotoski

Mission projects for LWML Mission Guild have included projects for Lutheran World Relief and in December, the Eve Circle provided a Christmas gift bag for each of the United Manor residents. The total number of gifts for United Manor was 44!! In addition, thanks be to God for the continuing service provided to members of Grace through the provision of funeral luncheon teams, the service provided in coordinating and volunteering for altar care, the service and fellowship of those who do quilting, and other activities that may occur but are not as visible!

Happy Birthday

1st Alexandria Niemann
2nd Remington Meggers
3rd Kyle Lane
Marshall Nicolay
4th Rollie Niemann
Monica Ruggeberg
5th Piper Hoepner
Trey Schlotfeldt
Mandy Anderson
Kayla Daniels
Kennedy Struck
6th Clayton Block
8th Lois Kuehn
Debra Swanson
9th Jason Handel
Sandra Peters
Colleen Flathers
10th Sharon Scearcy
11th Jennifer Maass
Maddison Fuller
12th Ty Stevens
Kay Hansen
13th Rider Anderson
Ron McVey
Klaire Gruntorad
Rose Burzlaff
Lucy Broadfoot
Cory Krukow
Elyce Burzlaff
15th Kaitlyn Giebelstein
Ella Sunday
16th Charlene Paarmann
Charlotte Harroun
Audrey Small
17th Troy Paarmann
Rilee Kirby
18th Wendi Gallaway
Dallas Williams
19th Carroll Flathers
Dick Schrage
20th Tony Martens
21st Leon Doescher
22nd Brett Henningsen
Jacqueline Millerschone
Matt Johnson
23rd Barbara Billhorn
Jeremiah Griep
Jim Hetrick
Alicia Schreiber
Katie Albrecht
24th Dona Bark
Loren Hass
Penny Hetrick
Emily Reed
26th Lance Dahl
Sarah Ackerman
27th Sue Kuehl
Chad Dohrmann
Emmett Rickertsen
Sharon Wold
Mary Keeney
Sebastian Meggers
29th Cheryl Kaufman
30th Kristine Anderson
Andy Maass
Anthony Meyer
31st Rylee Stevens
Daun Vopatek

16th Bill & Barb Dies

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Winter Camp 2017 - "Under Construction" **9:00 AM** Traditional Worship/Communion	1 No Preschool - Christmas Break Winter Camp 2017 - "Under Construction"	2 No Preschool - Christmas Break **6:00 PM** Girl Scout Meeting	3 No Preschool - Christmas Break **6:00 PM** Bell Choir Practice **7:00 PM** Glory Bound Choir	4 No Preschool - Christmas Break **9:00 AM** Tops Meeting **5:00 PM** Weight Watchers Meeting	5 No Preschool - Christmas Break	6
7 "Mites" Sunday **8:00 AM** Traditional Worship/Communion **9:15 AM** Sunday School & Adult Bible Class **10:30 AM** Traditional Worship/Communion **3:00 PM** Girl Scout Meeting	8 **6:00 PM** Girl Scout Meeting **7:00 PM** Voter's Meeting followed by Grace Camp's Annual Meeting	9	10 **5:30 PM** Confirmation Classes **6:00 PM** Bell Choir Practice **7:00 PM** Glory Bound Choir	11 **9:00 AM** Tops Meeting **5:00 PM** Weight Watchers Meeting **6:30 PM** Financial Peace University Classes	12	13 **7:00 PM** Family Movie Night
14 **8:00 AM** Traditional Worship **9:15 AM** Sunday School & Adult Bible Class **10:30 AM** Traditional Worship	15 Newsletter Deadline **1:00 PM** 500 Card Club **6:30 PM** Elders Meeting **7:00 PM** Youth Board Meeting	16 **3:30 PM** West Wing Communion **6:00 PM** Girl Scout Meeting	17 **5:30 PM** Confirmation Classes **6:00 PM** Bell Choir Practice **7:00 PM** Glory Bound Choir	18 **9:00 AM** Tops Meeting **5:00 PM** Weight Watchers Meeting **6:30 PM** Financial Peace University Classes	19	20 Wedding Vow Renewal
21 **8:00 AM** Traditional Worship/Communion **9:15 AM** Sunday School & Adult Bible Class **10:30 AM** Traditional Worship/Communion **2:00 PM** Youth Group Ski Trip **3:00 PM** Girl Scout Meeting	22 **6:00 PM** Girl Scout Meeting **6:30 PM** Board of Christian Education	23	24 No Preschool - Professional Development **5:30 PM** Confirmation Classes **6:00 PM** Bell Choir Practice **7:00 PM** Glory Bound Choir	25 **9:00 AM** Tops Meeting **5:00 PM** Weight Watchers Meeting **6:30 PM** Financial Peace University Classes	26	27
28 **8:00 AM** Traditional Worship **9:15 AM** Sunday School & Adult Bible Class **10:30 AM** Traditional Worship	29	30	31 **5:30 PM** Confirmation Classes **6:00 PM** Bell Choir Practice **7:00 PM** Glory Bound Choir	1 **9:00 AM** Tops Meeting **5:00 PM** Weight Watchers Meeting **6:30 PM** Financial Peace University Classes	2 **5:00 PM** Hall - Preschool Event	3 **10:00 AM** Super Snack Sale Package & Price