



Grace Newsletter

March 2018

IMPORTANT

Deadline for submitting articles for the April Newsletter is March 15th at 9 a.m.

Your attention for a moment please!

Coming in March you will have the opportunity to watch TWO outstanding videos regarding "THE WEEK THAT CHANGED THE WORLD"!

On March 11th during our Sunday School hour in Grace Hall, we will watch a short 30 minute video of a Max Lucado short story brought to life. Even though this account is fictional it brings forth some powerful truths regarding the resurrection of Jesus. This story of the Resurrection is the story of one man's quest for truth, discovery and his renewal: (SALVATION).

On March 18th during our Sunday School hour in Grace Hall, we will watch a second video; This 30 minute video is a Historical Overview of the Week that actually did change the World. You will see maps and graphics that will proclaim loud and clear that "THE RESURRECTION HAPPENED"!

Please come and join us for this time of fellowship. Yes, donuts and coffee provided. This invitation is extended to all and not just those who are in Bible Study on a regular basis, but to you! You won't be disappointed as we close in on Holy Week 2018... Pastor Rafferty



THANK YOU:

Thank you to those who baked cookies (Val Betz and Jean Passig) and to those who bagged and delivered cookies to our shut-ins, to local residential facilities, to those hospitalized, and to those whom we remember because God has blessed them with many years on this earth! The Valentine cookie project is one way Grace Lutheran members can reach out to our community AND WE THANK THOSE WHO MADE IT POSSIBLE.

The family of Pat Schrage would like to say a sincere thank you to everyone for their calls, cards, food, flowers and memorials. It also meant a great deal to us for those who attended Pat's visitation and funeral. Special thanks to Pastor Rafferty, Grace, Mark, office staff, pallbearers, the ladies that organized and served the luncheon and Schultz Funeral Home. We are grateful for the staff at Davenport Lutheran Home for their compassionate care of Pat since March of 2016. Pat went very peacefully to be with her Savior, Jesus in heaven, where she is singing praises to all. Joy in Jesus, Dick

SERVING THIS MONTH:

The Elders: 8:00 AM Dave Wold
 10:30 AM Lauren Hansen
 Wed 7:00 PM Jim Harroun

Organist: Diana Baetke

		The Acolytes	A/V Tech.
4-Mar	8:00 AM	Ben Alger	Steve Butler
	10:30 AM	Alivia Burzlaff	Steve Butler
7-Mar	7:00 PM	Carver Krukow	Rich Matzen
11-Mar	8:00 AM	Madison Lawrence	Rich Matzen
	10:30 AM	Audrey Small	Vicki Becker
14-Mar	7:00 PM	Cole Tobey	Rich Matzen
18-Mar	8:00 AM	Colin Albrecht	Vicki Becker
	10:30 AM	Elyce Burzlaff	Vicki Becker
21-Mar	7:00 PM	Matthew Diercks	Rich Matzen
25-Mar	8:00 AM	Carter Drury	Rich Matzen
	10:30 AM	Tobey Griem	Rich Matzen
29-Mar	7:00 PM	EmmaGrace Hartman	Rich Matzen
30-Mar	7:00 PM	Abigail Jensen	Need Volunteer

IN MEMORY OF:

Mrs. Selma M. King, 94, of DeWitt, Iowa, died Sunday afternoon, February 11, 2018, at ManorCare-Utica Ridge, Bettendorf.

The former Selma Marie Holst was born June 29, 1923, in Herkimer, Kansas, to the late Jacob and Sophie (Pralle) Holst. She graduated high school in Marysville, Kansas. Selma married Burton Carl King September 17, 1945, in Herkimer, Kansas. She was a homemaker much of her life and also a church secretary. Selma and Burt moved to DeWitt in 1973 where they owned and operated King's Pharmacy until retirement in 1995. Burt preceded Selma in death January 3, 2003.

She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church, DeWitt and the DeWitt Hospital Auxiliary. She enjoyed working various types of puzzles, cooking, gardening, needle point and volunteering for Meals on Wheels.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Gregory and Constance King of DeWitt; a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Doug Green of Naples, Florida; grandchildren, Autumn King, Zachary King, Justin (Carly) King and Jacob Green; a great-grandson, Ezra King.

Also preceding Selma in death were a daughter, Lynette King and siblings, Sophia Roepke, Arnold Holst, Elmer Holst, Irma Schulz, Clara Donovan and Irvin Holst.

Special Gifts Given Include:

In loving memory of Elaine Hofer \$60 was given to Grace Camp, \$100 to Glory Bound Choir, \$100 to Youth Ministries and \$30 to Grace Lutheran Church.

In loving memory of Karl Maass \$35 was given to Grace Lutheran Church.

In loving memory of Betty Burzlaff \$25 was given to Grace Lutheran Church.

In loving memory of Rose Burlzaff \$10 was given to Grace Lutheran Church.

In loving memory of Pat Schroeder \$25 was given to Grace Lutheran Church.

In loving memory of Jack Scott \$25 was given to the Grace Lutheran building fund.



**Daylight Savings
 Begins
 March 11th**

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.



Lenten Midweek Services

7:00 p.m.

Lenten Meals

6:00 p.m.

Midweek #4, March 7th

“Simon of Cyrene: The Cross now carried.”

Midweek #5, March 14th

“The Thief that rejected, but then believed”

Midweek #6, March 21st

The Centurion: Truly this is the Son of God.”

Maundy Thursday, March 29th

“Jesus rejected, but remains the Christ.”

Good Friday, March 30th

“Joseph of Arimathea: A secret follower, but now the secret is out.”

Easter Sunday, April 1st

The Chief Priests: Spread the lie, but the truth remains victorious then and now.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

A Reading of the Passion Story
with musical interludes
Performed by Glory Bound Choir

Friday, March 30, 2018

7:00 pm

The tear-washed road to the cross is a necessary journey for all seekers of grace. Come and mourn awhile and reflect on the cost of redemption. The Good Friday service will be rounded out with a reading of the Passion Story and some musical selections performed by the choir.

Come and listen....



**Lenten Supper Schedule
Meals Begin at 6:00 p.m.**

March 7th - Turkey and Dressing Sandwiches
March 14th - Meatball Subs
March 21st - Sloppy Joes

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday

March 29th

7:00 p.m. Worship/Communion

Good Friday

March 30th

7:00 p.m. Worship

Easter Sunday Worship

April 1st

8:00 a.m. Easter Worship/Communion

**10:30 a.m. Easter Worship/
Communion**

Palm Sunday

March 25th

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Procession of the Palms

*Pancake
Breakfast*



**The Annual
Youth Pancake Breakfast**

March 25th

8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

YOUTH EVENT

Attention all Jr. & Sr. High Youth. Let's go bowling! Sunday, March 18th, we're going bowling at the DeWitt Bowling Alley. Please meet there at 1:00 pm. The cost for two games of bowling and shoe rental is **\$5**. Please sign-up on the bulletin board outside of Mr. Sperry's office so we know how many to expect. **[This activity is for all students in 6th – 12th grades.]**

PANCAKE BREAKFAST SET-UP

Attention all Jr. & Sr. High youth. Please meet at Grace Church on Saturday, March 24th @ 10:00 am to set-up and decorate for the annual Pancake Breakfast. With enough hands to help, we should be able to finish in about an hour. Please contact DCE, Mark Sperry with any questions.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The annual Youth Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast will be March 25th. Serving is from 8:30 am – 10:00am. Proceeds from the breakfast will be used to help offset costs for upcoming youth ministry events. Everyone needs to be here by 7:30 am that morning to finish getting ready and to start making pancakes.

SUMMER 2018 DAY CAMPS

Summer will be here before we know it, so now is the time to get ready. We need the following items for various camps:

- 18-24 oz. plastic peanut butter jars
[Cleaned out & label removed]
- Plastic or wooden buttons [we need thousands of them; various sizes]

If you have or can donate any of them, please drop them off at the church office or give them to DCE, Mark Sperry on Sunday mornings.

WE NEED YOU

Recruitment and planning are underway for this year's VBS program here at Grace. The theme is: **"Polar Blast"**. The dates are **Monday through Wednesday, June 11th – 13th**. To make this program a success we need your help. Please check out the sign-up poster on the bulletin board in the narthex and consider signing up for one of the roles. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact DCE, Mark Sperry.



Lilies for Easter are being ordered through the Church Office this year. If you would like a lily to be placed in the sanctuary, please complete the form and return with your payment by March 11th. Lilies will have 4 to 7 blooms in a 6" pot with gold foil. Cost is \$11.00 each.

Name: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

If you have questions,
please contact the church office.

Grace Lutheran Preschool

Enrollment forms are available 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) Full
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.

MARCH 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>25 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 10:30 AM Traditional Worship 1:00 PM Hall Rental</p>	<p>26 6:30 PM Board of Christian Education</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice 5:30 PM Confirmation Classes 6:00 PM Lenten Meal - Spaghetti 7:00 PM Lent Worship #3 7:45 PM Glory Bound Choir</p>	<p>1 9:00 AM Tops Meeting 5:00 PM Weight Watchers Meeting 6:30 PM Financial Peace University Classes</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 "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</p>	<p>5 1:00 PM 500 Card Club 6:00 PM Council Meeting</p>	<p>6 6:00 PM Girl Scout Meeting</p>	<p>7 No Preschool - Professional Development 5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice 5:30 PM Confirmation Classes 6:00 PM Lenten Meal - Turkey & Dressing Sandwiches 7:00 PM Lent #4 7:45 PM Glory Bound Choir</p>	<p>8 9:00 AM Tops Meeting 5:00 PM Weight Watchers Meeting 6:30 PM Financial Peace University Classes</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 10:30 AM Praise Worship 1:00 PM Hall Rental - Matzen</p>	<p>12 6:00 PM Girl Scout Meeting 6:30 PM Board of Discipleship Meeting 6:30 PM Elders Meeting</p>	<p>13 9:00 AM Pastor's Winkel 10:00 AM Hospital Auxiliary Luncheon</p>	<p>14 5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice 5:30 PM Confirmation Classes 6:00 PM Lenten Meal - Meatball Subs 7:00 PM Lent #5 7:45 PM Glory Bound Choir</p>	<p>15 Newsletter Deadline 9:00 AM Tops Meeting 5:00 PM Weight Watchers Meeting 6:30 PM Financial Peace University Classes</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 Hall Rental</p>
<p>18 8:00 AM Traditional Worship/Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 10:30 AM Traditional Worship/Communion 1:30 PM Jr. & Sr. High Youth Activity</p>	<p>19 1:00 PM 500 Card Club 6:30 PM Preschool Board Meeting 7:00 PM Youth Board Meeting</p>	<p>20 3:30 PM West Wing Communion 6:00 PM Girl Scout Meeting 6:30 PM Camp Board Meeting</p>	<p>21 No PM Preschool - Early Out 5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice 5:30 PM Confirmation Classes 6:00 PM Lenten Meal - Sloppy Joes 7:00 PM Lent #6 7:45 PM Glory Bound Choir</p>	<p>22 9:00 AM Tops Meeting 3:30 PM Maggie's House 5:00 PM Weight Watchers Meeting 6:30 PM Financial Peace University Classes</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 10:00 AM Set-Up for Pancake Breakfast</p>
<p>25 PALM SUNDAY 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 8:30 AM Pancake Breakfast 9:15 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 10:30 AM Traditional Worship</p>	<p>26 6:30 PM Board of Christian Education</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 NO Confirmation Classes 7:45 PM Glory Bound Choir</p>	<p>29 Maundy Thursday 9:00 AM Tops Meeting 5:00 PM Weight Watchers Meeting 7:00 PM Worship/Communion</p>	<p>30 Good Friday No Preschool - Spring Break 7:00 PM Worship</p>	<p>31</p>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1 st	Kevin Becker Maverick Stevens	18 th	Tony Stevens Keller Randleman Jackson Randleman	31 st	Arwin Petersen Justin Wagner Kendra Mueller
2 nd	Annette Lahey Ronald Steward Jered Birt Graham Feldpausch	19 th	Alyssa Heincheid		
3 rd	Danette LaBarge Hailey James Mitchell Mohr	20 th	Verda Scott Ashten Henningsen Jasmine Carter Audra Dietz		
6 th	Jena Byorum Randy Lange Gary Smith	21 st	Jennifer Griem Cole Housman Jolene Sanger Jean Leinbaugh Norma Soenksen AshLynne Postell Austin Nolin		
7 th	Brody Proctor Hattie Rickertsen				
8 th	Dylan Kirby	22 nd	Dale Greve Ben Blanchard Casey Walker		
10 th	Kevin Marik Mark Paarmann Dean Youngers Jessica Postell	23 rd	Jake Williams Justin Roseland		
11 th	Jonah Paarmann	24 th	Tanner Brundage Kody Dahl Mallory McMahan		
12 th	Eric Paarmann Scott Dahl				
13 th	Ezra Onken Kim Wright Laura Swanson	25 th	Sandy Burken Sandi Kirby		
14 th	Bob Rands Michael Postell Quinlyn Kuehl	26 th	Collin Block		
		28 th	Darin Suhr		
15 th	Kristy Buhl Jed Hythecker	29 th	Rachael Vopatek		
17 th	Erin Suhr	30 th	Esther Schroeder Amber Meyer Haley Kreiter Amy Stevens		



Happy Anniversary

3 rd	David & Kay Hall
7 th	Richard & Carole Dunkin
22 nd	Barry & Patty Anderson
23 rd	Jon & Val Betz
25 th	Bob & Marilyn Mundt
28 th	Pastor C. Ronald & Carol Rafferty
31 st	Matthew & Wendy Proctor