



Grace Newsletter

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Happy Mother's Day!

Mother's Day is a time to celebrate the strong, loving women in your life. At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we see thousands of Iowa moms through their journey to build the brightest future for their children.

We see moms turning to LSI's Mental Health or Behavioral Health Intervention Services to ensure their child is receiving the coping skills and behavioral supports they need to thrive. In our Early Childhood Services, we see young first-time moms who are eager to join our parenting education classes and support groups. In 2016, LSI's Early Childhood programs provided support to 552 first-time parents. We are so inspired to hear their stories and see their hard work pay off as they raise our next generation.

As you celebrate Mother's Day this year, remember how many Iowa moms are being empowered because of your support. If you are looking for a way to honor your mother this year, please consider giving a gift in her name at LSIowa.org.

Thank you for standing alongside our Iowa families.

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at LSIowa.org and [Facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).

"LSI has been a Lifesaver"

No parent should feel alone or hopeless when it comes to caring for their children's health. But those emotions were common for Judy four years ago.

It started when her son began seeing a litany of different doctors and specialists. Judy needed to coordinate his many appointments and medications, but it was difficult to keep track while still caring for her three other children as a single parent.

Judy found LSI's Pediatric Integrated Health services, which were a shoulder for her to lean on. Judy's LSI worker, Wyndolyn, coordinated medical appointments and counseling sessions. When Judy's daughter required an Individualized Education Program (IEP) at school, Wyndolyn was there to keep in contact with the school and attend IEP meetings with Judy. When Judy's child began attending school at LSI's Bremwood Residential Treatment Center, Wyndolyn checked on him and provided updates to Judy. Wyndolyn also helped Judy to set up respite care through LSI's Services for People with Disabilities. Now, Judy can get a much-needed break while her children receive quality care from an LSI respite provider.

"We're one team now, we're on the same page," Judy says. "LSI has been a backbone for me when I wanted to give up. Wyndolyn talks to me when I'm stressed and ready to call it quits. She's really an advocate for my family. LSI has been a lifesaver."

SERVING THIS MONTH:

The Elders: 8:00 AM Dave Wold
10:30 AM Steve Smith

Organist: Diana Baetke

		The Acolytes	A/V Tech.
6-May	8:00 AM	Emily Stearns	Rich Matzen
	10:30 AM	Hannah Sunday	Rich Matzen
13-May	8:00 AM	Margie Alger	Rich Matzen
	10:30 AM	Isaac DeHaven	Rich Matzen
20-May	8:00 AM	Anthony Meyer	Need Volunteer
	10:30 AM	Carliegh Tobey	Need Volunteer
27-May	9:00 AM	Owen Tucker	Steve Butler

Looking for cards? A supply of Graduation cards have arrived. Please take a moment to see the wide assortment of cards and napkins we have available for purchase downstairs next to Grace Hall.



Begins June 2, 2018

Saturday Worship
First Saturday of June, July & August
June 2nd, July 7th, August 4th

4:30 p.m. @ Grace Camp
Welton Chapel

Sunday Worship
8:00 a.m. @ Grace Church
Traditional Service

10:00 a.m. @ Grace Camp Outdoor Chapel

Special Gifts Given Include:

In loving memory of Joan Kaufman \$100 was given towards new projectors.

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.

Dates that are available:

May 6th, 20th, 27th
June 3rd, 10th, 24th
July 1st, 22nd
August 12th, 19th
September 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
October 14th, 21st
November 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
December 2nd, 9th, 16th, 30th

REFERRAL CENTER MONTH

Do you have extra Hamburger Helper, boxed potatoes, canned fruits and vegetables, paper products or toiletries that you would like to donate to the Referral Center? May is Referral Center Month at Grace. Please bring your donations for the Referral Center to the display in the foyer anytime between May 1st and May 28th.

IMPORTANT

Deadline for submitting articles for the June Newsletter is May 15th at 9 a.m.



Mark Your Calendars

Grace Church
Annual Blood Drive
July 9, 2018

IN MEMORY OF:

Josie L. Collins, 83, of DeWitt, Iowa, died Thursday, April 12, 2018, at Clarissa C. Cook Hospice House in Bettendorf.

Josie was born October 29, 1934, to Joseph and Esther (McLeod) Cashero in Roseland,

Kansas. After graduating from Columbus High School, she received nursing training from Bethany Hospital in Kansas City, Kansas. Josie married Jerry Collins on June 28, 1953, in Atchison, Kansas. She worked as a registered nurse until retiring. The couple moved to Davenport, Iowa, in 1974, and to DeWitt in 2010.

Josie was a member of Grace Lutheran Church, DeWitt. She enjoyed camping, collecting Isabel Bloom figures, and bird watching. Josie loved spending time with her family. She was a kind and caring person who never had a bad word to say about anyone. Josie was very much a caregiver and lived her life by the golden rule, treat others as you would want to be treated.

She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Jerry; children, John (Ava) Collins of Ankeny, Scott (Sharon) Collins of Newburgh, Indiana, Susan Anderson of North Liberty, Kelly (Matt) Fahrenkrug of DeWitt; grandchildren, Rosemarie and Tess Collins, Kara (Seth) Nance, and Michael Collins, Keyes, Josie, and Lily Anderson, and Sadie Fahrenkrug; great-grandchildren, Jepsen and Tullis Nance; sisters, Jo Ann and Lou; nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, 6 sisters and a brother.



Congratulation to Marisa Matzen and Tray Weaver who were united in marriage on Saturday, April 7th.

You're Invited!

What: Open House in Honor of
Kramer & Mackenzie Steffens
(Food & Drink served from 5-8 pm)

When: Saturday, July 28, 2018

Where: 4-H Building, DeWitt

Why: To Celebrate their wedding, which will
be on July 7th in Massachusetts.

Please RSVP to Scott or Kim Steffens in person or by phone (659-9948) if you plan on attending. We would appreciate RSVP's by June 30th.



Come join the LWML Ladies for a day of fun, baking and decorating spring cookies!

When: Saturday, May 5th

Baking: 7:00 a.m. at the High School Room 406 - You can access this room by parking in the tennis court parking lot and entering through exit door 20 from the outside of the building. Signs will be posted.

Decorating: 9:00 a.m. at Grace Church
Cookies will be frosted and set up.

No experience required. We have jobs and shifts to meet the talents of everyone. Join us for as long as you like...all or part of the day. The more, the merrier!

Sign up sheets for cookie supplies, bakers and decorators are located on the table in the foyer.



Memorial Day
Remember Those Who Gave Their Lives

Please join us on Friday, May 25th, at 9:00 a.m. as we gather together to raise the flags around Grace Lutheran Church.

We are also seeking individuals who can join us at 9 a.m. Tuesday, May 29th to help us take the flags down and put the flag poles away.

High School Graduates

Alex Butler
1116 4th St Ct
DeWitt, IA 52742

Luke Dohrmann
2480 260th Ave
DeWitt, IA 52742

Kristen Flathers
327 Myra Pl
Clinton, IA 52732

Donovan Good
1269 Hospital Drive
DeWitt, IA 52742

David Hansen
1719 215th ST
Grand Mound, IA 52751

Maddie Johnson
1118 3rd Ave
DeWitt, IA 52742

Devynn Lewis
110 11th Ave
DeWitt, IA 52742

Kyle McDevitt
323 8th Ave
DeWitt, IA 52742

Alex Mohr
10108 Brookview Dr
DeWitt, IA 52742

Brody Onken
113 9th Ave
DeWitt, IA 52742

Shelby Schroeder
2468 210th St
DeWitt, IA 52742

Jaiden Seifert
1515 7th Ave
DeWitt, IA 52742

Sydney Small
1705 Valley Way
DeWitt, IA 52742

Senior Recognition May 20, 2018

We will be recognizing our High School Senior Class of 2018 during the 8:00 a.m. worship service on May 20, 2018.



Watch for the beautiful wooden box for you to place your cards in for the Graduates! The box will be available beginning May 6th until Friday, May 18th.



Join us to Celebrate

Alex Butler's Graduation

Saturday, May 19th - Noon to 3pm
Grace Camp - Andrew Retreat Center
2675 242nd Street, DeWitt

Kristen Flather's Graduation

Monday, May 28th—10am to 2pm
St. John Lutheran Church, Clinton

Donovan Good's Graduation

Sunday, June 3rd - Noon to 4pm
Grace Camp—Andrew Retreat Center
2675 242nd Street, DeWitt

David Hansen's Graduation

Saturday, June 9th - 1 to 3pm
Grace Church, DeWitt

Shelby Schroeder's Graduation

Sunday, June 10th - 12:00 to 3 pm
Grace Church, DeWitt

TIME TO QUILT

Come join us on Thursday, May 10th at 9:00 a.m. in Grace Hall. We will be tying quilts or laying out quilt blocks. You don't need to know how to sew to help. We will plan to have a potluck lunch at noon, please bring something to share for the lunch. Come and join us even if you can only stay a short time, we will look forward to seeing you.

Support the DeWitt Summer Lunch Box Program

The Board of Discipleship and Outreach will be collecting donation to help support the Summer Lunch Box Program. Donations to this program help provide food for needy families on a weekly basis. Bags, usually around 300, are packed 2 to 3 times a summer then delivered to the Referral Center in DeWitt to be handed out to those in need. Please help support this local program by placing your donation in the "little white church" on May 27th

Denise Wold and I are going to Belize again this summer. If you have unopened medical supplies (Kerlix rolls, ace wraps, Telfa dressings, pressure ulcer dressings, etc.) they would be appreciated. They will be used for medical home visits and nursing home residents. We also use CVS glucometers and strips for the diabetics. If you have any questions please call me at 659-5829.

Thank you, Allison LaFevers

You are invited to Grace Camp's Spring Retreat and Salad Luncheon

At the Andrew Retreat Center
Thursday, May 3rd

Dennis Wilson, an advocate for Orphan Train History Recognition, will speak on why and how it happened.

Afternoon retreat 12-3pm – Evening retreat 6-9pm
Registration fee \$10/each

Please call 563-659-9216 or 563-357-0780 for reservations
by May 1st or send reservations to:

Maribeth Penningroth
1410 Westwood Drive
DeWitt, IA 52742

Salads are needed for the Spring Retreat in May, there is a sign up sheet located on the Welcome Center.



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Mark Your Calendar

Grace Camp
Pancake Breakfast Dates
June 17th, July 15th
and August 19th



DO YOU HAVE?

Do you have old eye glasses? Would you like a place to drop off your empty pop cans and bottles? Well, then look no further. We have a drop box for eye-glasses being collected for the Night Lions, which is located in the coat closet.

The Youth collect empty bottles and cans for deposit as a fund-raiser. Donations of cans and bottles can be dropped off at the church or put in the collection box located in the Sunday School Wing.

MILES OF DIMES!!

Grace Camp is re-inventing Miles of Dimes! Miles of Dimes is a fun and easy way to give back to Grace Camp. When Grace Lutheran Camp was purchased, Miles of Dimes was originally started to collect money to build a retreat center. That goal was reached, and many more great buildings, gardens and recreational areas have been added since then. The Grace Camp Board is not making any big additions; but, as time goes by, things need replacing and a general sprucing up. Some things that we are currently putting funds toward are new paddles for canoes, a new volleyball net, volleyballs, and a new bench swing for the playground.

Collection boxes are available at the Welcome Center at church, and once your box is filled with dimes (we take pennies, nickels, quarters and dollars, too!), just bring the box into church and deposit your change into the mason jar on the Welcome Center in the foyer. Then take your collection box back home and repeat. Thank you for all of your support!

Belize Mission Trip

Denise Wold will be going on a mission trip to Belize, hosted by Immanuel Lutheran Church in Belvidere, IL.

Immanuel Lutheran Church serves Belize through the Belize Mission Society (BMS). The BMS is a recognized service organization through the LCMS. They serve in many areas. Their teams do mercy work with home health visits and construction projects; and ministry outreach with women's and men's bible study daily while serving the village. At the school they do a little of both while tutoring the students at St. Alphonsus School RC.

Everyone going on this mission trip will be helping to fill the needs of the village. The Lord will lead everyone to serve where they are needed.

The Board of Outreach/Discipleship would like to help sponsor Denise Wold's mission trip to Belize. Look for the "little white church" on May 13th.

SUMMER 2018 DAY CAMPS

The Day Camps for Summer 2018 will include the following:

- June 5th Fishing Camp [1st - 6th Grades]
- June 7th Arts & Crafts [4th - 6th Grades]
- June 12th Cooking Camp [1st-3rd Grades]
- June 14th Rock Creek Marina Trip [4th - 6th Grades]
- June 19th Cooking Camp [4th - 6th Grades]
- June 21st Arts & Crafts Camp [1st - 3rd Grades]
- June 26th Science Camp [1st - 6th Grades]
- June 28th Little Kids Camp - "Wild West Jamboree" [4 & 5-year olds]

If available, we could definitely use help at the day camps on
June 5th, 7th & 21st & 26th.

Day Camp Registrations is now open. To register simply log onto ww.gracedewitt.org select 2018 Day Camp Registration and follow the directions. If you have any questions call the church office, 659-9153.

DAY CAMP SUPPLY REQUEST

- Plastic peanut butter jars [Cleaned out & label removed]
- Plastic or wooden flat buttons [we need hundreds of them; various sizes]
- Red Pre-Sweetened drink mix
- Cookies [No Peanuts or Peanut Butter]

Please bring your donations to the church office or give them to DCE Mark Sperry.



Come join me at "Polar Blast" Vacation Bible School on June 11th - 13th from 6-8PM at Grace Lutheran Church.

WE NEED YOU

Recruitment and planning are underway for this year's VBS program here at Grace. The theme is: "**Polar Blast**" and the dates are **June 11th-13th from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**. 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. We also need 1-gallon milk jugs for decorating. Please bring your clean, empty jugs to the church and leave them on the stage in Grace Hall.

REGISTER TODAY AT WWW.GRACEDEWITT.ORG

GRACE LUTHERAN SUMMER CAMP –
“VICTORY”

The dates for this year's summer camp are July 30th – August 1st. Online registration is now open. Please note the early bird registration date of July 1st. **Any registrations received after that time will pay the higher registration fee, and will NOT receive a t-shirt.**



Grace Lutheran Preschool is participating in Milk Moola®, brought to you by Kwik Trip and Kwik Star stores fundraising programs. They will earn 5¢ for every cap or bag top collected from Kwik Trip and Kwik Star's Nature's Touch® products. You may drop off your caps or bag tops in the collection bin located on the Welcome Center. Thank you for your continued support of Grace Preschool

Stewardship Corner

Because God calls us to be stewards and equips us through the Holy Spirit, we can fulfill our responsibilities as stewards. Christian stewardship is the expression of the faith which God gives us. As we grow in faith and our relationship with Jesus, we will commit more of our time, talents, and treasures to His service. Through God's grace, we acknowledge God as the creator and owner of all things so that we can become more fruitful stewards. As stewards or caretakers of God's blessings, we are responsible and accountable for all that God entrusts to us. Through the working of the Holy Spirit, we can become trustworthy stewards.

Preschool News

As the school year winds down, we praise God for a successful 9th school year! We were blessed to serve a total of 33 children! We will end our year with a study of plants and seeds. Our study will focus heavily on popular children's books such as "There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed a Frog", "The Tiny Seed," "Growing Vegetable Soup" and many more. The last day of preschool will be Tuesday, May 29th. The 4s will graduation that evening. Can't wait to see what God has in store for year 10!

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.

Piano Concert with a Russian Lutheran Pastor - Come meet Lutheran pastor, Rev. Yaroslav Boychenko, at Grace Lutheran Church, DeWitt on Saturday, May 12 at 4:00pm. He is an accomplished pianist and it was through the music of J.S. Bach that Rev. Boychenko was brought to faith in Christ and to become a pastor in the Lutheran Church. He and his congregation are now trying to build a sanctuary. Rev. Boychenko will give a piano concert and tell us about the work of the church in Russia. A free will offering will be taken to benefit the construction plans of Rev. Boychenko's congregation. Refreshments will also be served.