



Grace Newsletter

November 2018

SERVING THIS MONTH:

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

Organist: Diana Baetke

The Acolytes

A/V Tech.

4-Nov-18

8:00 AM Lauren Walker & Brooke Paasch
10:30 AM Brody Proctor & Karley Erps

Rich Matzen
Rich Matzen

11-Nov-18

8:00 AM Michael Schneider
10:30 AM Emily Stearns

Vicki Becker
Vicki Becker

18-Nov-18

8:00 AM Hannah Sunday
10:30 AM Margie Alger

Rich Matzen
Rich Matzen

21-Nov-18

7:00 PM Isaac DeHaven

Need Volunteer

25-Nov-18

9:00 AM Anthony Meyer

Vicki Becker

GRACE LUTHERAN MISSION STATEMENT

In grateful response to God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacraments, the mission of Grace Ev. Lutheran Church is to make known the love of Christ by word and deed within our church, communities and world.

IMPORTANT

Deadline for submitting articles for the December Newsletter is November 15th at 9 a.m.

Special Gifts Given Include:

In loving memory of Scott Nothdorf \$40 was given to Grace Preschool and \$10 to Glory Bound Choir.

In honor Dick & Grace Schrage's wedding \$10 has been given to Glory Bound Choir.

In loving memory of Dick Polansky \$40 has been given to Grace Lutheran Preschool.

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.

Flower Dates Still Available:
November 4th, 18th, & 25th
December 2nd, 16th, & 30th

POP CANS — Thank you for your continued donations of pop cans. Please remember to drop your clean pop can donations off in the Sunday school wing. We ask that you put the cans or bottles in the marked boxes provided, as this will eliminate clutter and keep our Sunday school wing looking nice. Thank you for all your support.

Grace Lutheran Preschool is collecting Milk Moola Caps from Kwik-Star milk jugs and juice containers. Milk caps can be left in the container located on the Welcome Center. Thank you for your continued support of Grace Lutheran Preschool.



Holiday Schedule

Thanksgiving Eve

7:00 p.m. Worship/Communion
November 21st

Sunday Worship

9:00 a.m. November 25th

Wednesday Advent Services

7:00 p.m. Advent Worship
Dec. 5th, 12th & 19th

Christmas Cantata

8:00 a.m. - December 9th @
Grace Lutheran Church

10:00 a.m. - December 9th @
Immanuel Lutheran in Grand Mound

6:00 p.m. - December 12th @
Grace Lutheran Church

Children's Sunday School Christmas Program

3:00 p.m. - December 16th

Sunday Worship

9:00 a.m. - December 23rd

Christmas Eve

6:00 p.m. Worship/Communion
December 24th

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

10:00 p.m. Worship/Communion
December 24th

Christmas Day

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

Sunday Worship

9:00 a.m. - December 30th

BREAKING NEWS!

Please read this note in its entirety as initially it does sound earth shattering, but it really isn't! At the Voter's meeting on October 8th, I was asked if I would consider changing my designation from Senior Pastor to Associate or Assistant Pastor. After some discussion, I wholeheartedly agreed that this would be beneficial to the good of the congregation. WHY? Please let me explain, as we all know my time with you as your Senior Pastor is limited because of the transplant situation, or because of a Call, or because of retirement. With me agreeing to step into the role of assistant pastor, then Grace Lutheran Church could immediately start the process of calling another Pastor. Prayerfully this will be a time saving effort to get names together for the pastoral office and there will not be that 6 to 18-month gap between my final service and the installation of your new pastor. District President Saunders has been informed of this decision by the voter's assembly and Steve Butler has been in contact with our DP to once more get the proper protocol in place.... So, what can you do? If you think of a pastor that may fit in well here at Grace and that they might consider receiving a call. please give their name to Steve Butler, Jon Betz or Scott Steffens. There is no need to be alarmed or to start panicking, everything is fine and with the incredible guidance of the HOLY SPIRIT and your prayers this will be a seamless transition. Pray for your congregation and please pray for Carol and I as this transplant situation and time comes closer and closer!

Serving Christ Jesus and HIS CHURCH,
Pastor Rafferty

Looking for cards? There is a variety of sympathy, thinking of you, get well, birthday cards and many others available for purchase downstairs next to Grace Hall. Please take a moment to see the wide assortment of cards and napkins displayed.



PRESCHOOL NEWS—What a fun month October was! The firefighters came to visit us. They gave us hats and let us spray water from the hose. The end the month we got to go trick-or-treating downtown. Next, we are continuing our unit on Fall by learning about farms, turkeys, and Thanksgiving. We will be kicking off our fundraiser on October 29th by selling "Save Around Coupon Books". We are raising money for items for the playground and classroom. If you are interested in helping support the Preschool please contact me, Christine Greve, or stop by the church office by November 9th. Thank you.

All Saints' Sunday

The first Sunday in November is traditionally designated by the church as *All Saints' Sunday*. On this day we do not *worship* the saints who have gone before us. Rather, we take this opportunity to thank our God for His great mercy in rescuing so many from the devil's grasp. We also seek to learn from the example of Christian saints who have gone before, and to be inspired and energized by their perseverance and dedication.

A saint to us, refers to anyone, dead or alive, who believes in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of his sins. Any such man, woman or child is sinless in God's eyes, and therefore, a saint. God the Father has declared mankind to be "not guilty" of sin. Christ's perfection is now credited to us through faith. This is the literal and Scriptural understanding of a *saint*; it is what God means when He uses the word in the Bible.

With this in mind, we at Grace Church will recall those saints of ours who left this earth in the past year to be with the Lord in Heaven. Join us on Sunday, November 5th, as we toll the church bell in remembrance of the following:

† Wanda Mae Johannsen †
(11/7/2017)

† Selma Marie King †
(2/11/2018)

† Dorothy Jean Doescher †
(12/10/2017)

† Josie Lee Collins †
(4/12/2018)

† Jack Lee Scott †
(12/20/2017)

† Lewis Richard Schoening †
(5/12/2018)

† Rose Elizabeth Burzlaff †
(12/29/2017)

† Jacqueline Marlene Polansky †
(5/21/2018)

† Karl George Wilhelm Maass †
(12/31/2017)

† Lee Alexander McWilliams †
(6/26/2018)

† Patricia Alice Schrage †
(1/2/2018)

† Richard Allen Polansky †
(10/8/2018)



We would like to assist the mission of the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve

Toys for Tots program by collecting new, unwrapped toys during November and December. These toys will then be picked up and distributed as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the community. So, as you shop, remember your assistance with this mission is greatly appreciated. The Toys For Tots display box will be in the foyer soon to collect your donations.

Prayer List

We prayer for those who are sick, undergoing treatments, tests, recuperating at home, or those who have cancer: Joy Smith, Pam Sunday (mother of Jeremiah Sunday), Julie Matzen, and Pastor Rafferty.

Daylight Savings Time Ends
Sunday, November 4th

Community Events:

Elvira Zion Lutheran Church's Fall Supper will be held on Sunday, November 4, 2018 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Meal includes pork, beef, mashed potatoes, rolls, salads, corn, pies and desserts. Tickets: \$10 adults, children 5-10 years old are \$5, and children 4 and under are free. Tickets are available at Zion Lutheran church and the Sweetheart Bakery.

Trinity Lutheran Church in Lowden will be holding their annual turkey supper on Sunday, November 4, 2018 from 4:30 to 6:60 p.m. The meal includes turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, grave, green beans or corn, salad, roll and desserts. Tickets: \$10 adults, children 5-12 years old are \$6, and children 4 and under are free.

Faith Lutheran Church in Andover will be hosting their Fall Supper on Sunday, November 11, 2018 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The will be serving Ham and "Kalmes Chicken". Tickets: \$10 adults, children 6-12 years old are \$5, and children 5 and under are free.



CHRISTMAS TREES will be available for sale at the Grace Camp Christmas Tree Farm beginning the Friday after Thanksgiving. Please note that this year we will only be open one Friday, November 23rd. We will be open all of the Saturdays and Sundays prior to Christmas through December 16th. A large selection of trees are available and 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.



I wish to thank everyone for your prayers and well wishes while I was in the Hospital. Special thanks to Pastor Anderson for his visits and also to Pastor Rafferty for his prayers. God bless each and everyone of you.

Thank you, Beverly Schrader

Thank you! Thank you!

Thank you to everyone that helped with October-Feast. Whether you sold tickets, made pies, washed dishes, or just came and ate. It is all appreciated. Thanks to everyone for another great OctoberFeast.

The Board of Discipleship

CHRISTMAS GREENERY SALE - The youth of Grace are taking orders for Christmas Greenery. All proceeds will go towards future youth events. We will be taking orders through November 7th. Please contact one of the youth or stop by the table in the Foyer. Orders will be available for pick-up on **Sunday, November 18th** here at church. Any questions please contact our DCE, Mr. Mark Sperry.

SR. HIGH DISTRICT GATHERING

Please keep the youth and adults who will be attending the annual Sr. Youth Gathering in Des Moines in your prayers. They will be gone November 9th-11th.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be NO Sunday School classes on Sunday, November 25th due to the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Classes will resume December 2nd.

JR. HIGH YOUTH NIGHT

Jr. High students (6th-8th graders), will meet on November 18th for Youth Night. We meet at the G*Y*M Building at Grace Camp from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm. Please contact DCE, Mark Sperry if you have any questions.

Graceful Harvest Bazaar

at

Grace Lutheran Church
415 10th Street, DeWitt, IA

Saturday, November 17th

Country Store/Bake Sale

Greeting Cards & Napkins

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Luncheon

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Tickets \$6.00

All proceeds from the bazaar
will be designated to LWML projects.





ADVENT GIFTS: Brighten someone's holiday by contributing gifts for the Advent Gifts Drive, sponsored by the LWML Mission Guild. Gifts are taken to the Davenport Lutheran Home (a nursing home facility for Lutherans) and University of Iowa Children's Hospital where children are treated for various illnesses. The drive will take place starting at the end of November! All members of the congregation are invited to participate in this annual mission project.

Davenport Lutheran Home – nail polish, nail polish remover, fingernail files, hair spray, hair brushes, jewelry, perfume, boxed tissues, watercolor paints, crayola crayons, hand lotion, aftershave, men's cologne, glue sticks, felt-tip markers, acrylic paints for crafting, foam/felt sheets, non-skid slipper socks, beads with large holes for jewelry making, men's/ women's cardigan sweaters/fleece (size medium to extra large), lip balms/chap stick, hot glue sticks (large and small), ladies headbands/hair clips, thermal gloves, handkerchiefs and Crayola colored pencils.

University Children's Hospital – crayons, coloring books, story books, stationery, tapes and stuffed animals.

Please leave your unwrapped gifts in the totes on the stage in Grace Hall. Please note that the gifts must be brought to the church by Thursday, December 13th. Thank you kindly.

Grace Endowment Fund

With December 31, 2018, 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.

The ladies of Eve Circle would like to thank the congregation for their support with the school supplies for LWR. We were able to pack 84 school kits, 12 baby kits and 18 quilts to send to LWR. A special thank you to Gaylon Heetland for taking the kits to Cedar Rapids.

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!

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POINSETTIAS

Order Form

Poinsettias for Christmas are being ordered through the Church Office this year. If you would like a poinsettia to be placed in the sanctuary, please complete the form and return with your payment by December 10th. Flowers will be red. Cost is \$ 10.00 each.

Name: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Thanking God

During this Thanksgiving season, it is easy for us to give thanks for our families, our homes, our clothing, and our food. These blessings are very visible to us. However, there are other blessings for which we should be thankful, but we may need to be reminded to give thanks because we sort of take them for granted. For example, when is the last time that you thanked God for the air that you breathe, the taste of fresh coffee in the morning, the aroma of flowers or the beauty of a sunset, the excitement from a college or pro football game, the joy of holding a baby. The list could go on forever. This Thanksgiving, don't forget to thank God for His awesome love for us and also thank Him for empowering us to love others.

Prayer: Lord, You are the source of all that I am and have. Grant me wisdom to acknowledge You as the creator and owner of all things. Help me to show my gratitude for Who You are and what You've done and continue to do for me by living a life that gives You honor and glory. I pray that others will see Your love through me. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.



Happy Birthday

1 st	Pauline Burken Spencer Kuehn Aiden Paysen	12 th	Anke Maass Jean Passig Carter Drury	20 th	Charlie Daniels Kinley Albrecht Jeffrey Rittmer
2 nd	Dustin Petersen Kelly Fahrenkrug	13 th	Pete Johnson Diane McVey		Jacob Knight Dayne Kirby
3 rd	Aubrey Vance	14 th	Gretchen Henningsen	21 st	Colette Christensen
4 th	Leola Schmidt	15 th	Kristy Engelkes	22 nd	Betty Laschanzky
5 th	Allen Ketelsen Eric Williams	16 th	Christian Wright Dylan Dies	23 rd	Troy Ruggeberg
6 th	Paisley Mork Lori Roseland	17 th	Milo Soenksen Jill Gisel	24 th	Miah Betz Julie Evers
7 th	Sailor Kiggins		Maribeth Penningroth	25 th	Abby Hartmann Connie Havener
8 th	Connie Tarchinski Kristen Flathers Donovan Good Logan Brundage		Cody Schroeder Trevor Tarchinski	26 th	Clint Albrecht Cassie Goddard Dan Burzlaff Kinley Birt
9 th	Bernice Meyer Jennifer Vance Kyle Tucker	18 th	Toni Gassmann Brady Herington Shawn Block	27 th	Bridgett Anderson Marisa Weaver Silas DeHaven
11 th	Kevin Meyer Tobey Griem		Gabrielle Thumann Brent Blanchard Gabriel Kuehl	28 th	JoEllen Ketelsen
		19 th	Thelma Goldensoph		



1 st	Jason & Heather Mork
3 rd	Dean & Cathy Youngers
8 th	Michael & Kerry Good
11 th	Ronnie & Lois Matzen
12 th	Richard & Susan Stevens
15 th	David & Netty Schnieder
16 th	Brad & Carol Anderson Rollie & Liz Niemann Leon & Judy Doescher
17 th	Todd & Rhonda Weimerskirk
20 th	Larry & Cindy Hall
24 th	Bill & Penny McGimpsey, Jr.
27 th	Wayne & Tori Grantz

NOVEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Piano Recital 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 10:30 AM Traditional Worship	29	30	31 NO CONFIRMATION No PM 4's Preschool 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Glory Bound Choir 7:45 PM Cantata Rehearsal	1 9:00 AM Tops Meeting 5:00 PM Weight Watchers Meeting	2	3
4 "Mites" Sunday 8:00 AM Traditional Worship/Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 10:30 AM Traditional Worship/Communion 6:00 PM NYG2019 Meeting	5 1:00 PM 500 Card Club 6:00 PM Council Meeting	6	7 5:30 PM Confirmation Classes 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Glory Bound Choir 7:45 PM Cantata Rehearsal	8 9:00 AM Tops Meeting 5:00 PM Weight Watchers Meeting	9 Sr. High Youth Gathering - Des Moines	10 Sr. High Youth Gathering - Des Moines
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18 8:00 AM Traditional Worship/Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 10:30 AM Traditional Worship/Communion 6:00 PM Jr. High Youth Night	19 1:00 PM 500 Card Club 7:00 PM Youth Board Meeting	20 3:30 PM West Wing Communion 6:30 PM Camp Board Meeting 7:00 PM Cantata Rehearsal	21 7:00 AM Preschool - Thanksgiving Break 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Worship	22 7:00 AM Preschool - Thanksgiving Break 9:00 AM Tops Meeting 5:00 PM Weight Watchers Meeting	23 7:00 AM Preschool - Thanksgiving Break	24 Hall Rental
25 9:00 AM Traditional Worship	26 6:30 PM Board of Christian Education	27	28 5:30 PM Confirmation Classes 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Glory Bound Choir 7:45 PM Cantata Rehearsal	29 9:00 AM Tops Meeting 5:00 PM Weight Watchers Meeting	30	1



REFERRAL CENTER MONTH

Do you have extra Hamburger Helper, boxed potatoes, canned fruits & vegetables, paper products or toiletries that you would like to donate to the Referral Center? We will be continuing our Referral Center collection through the month of December. Please drop off your donations at the display in the foyer.

The Referral Center will take non perishable food items, toiletry items, and paper products. Needs some ideas: peanut butter, hamburger helper, soups, cream soup, tuna, potatoes, pasta, pasta sauce, canned vegetables, canned fruit every little bit helps.



DeWitt Referral Center

The DeWitt Referral Center provides emergency assistance, food, and referral services to residents of the Central DeWitt Community School District of Clinton County while operating a thrift store and donation center open to the public.

The Referral Center is a non-profit entity spending what it brings in to assist those in need. Please consider donating food, monetary donations and by shopping the thrift store to add to the centers mission.

Another way to donate is to set up an automatic withdrawal directly from your bank account. Look for the brochure and form on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Thank you



The Board of Christian Ed, Sunday School Students and Staff continue to support the community through their offering. In October it was decided that the Sunday school offering from September through December would go to assist the DeWitt Referral Center Food Pantry. The DeWitt Referral Center comes across hard times with low donations and the number of people that need assistance increasing. Our offering will help to support this growing need. Monetary and food donations will be collected through the month of December.

[James 2:14-17](#)

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

