

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

News & Notes

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE - December 16th - December 23rd

Third Sunday of Advent

Setting: Divine Service, Setting 4, page 203
Hymns: 347 636 370 879 383 386 729
Scripture: *Zephaniah 3:14-20*
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 7:18-35
Sermon: "Are You The One Who Is Coming?"

THOSE IN SERVICE - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

REV. DR. DEAN ROTHCHILD

8:00 a.m. Service	10:30 a.m. Service
Organist: Diana Baetke	Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Clint Albrecht	Elder: Jon Betz
Acolyte: Benson Hill	Acolyte: Caitlin Proctor
A/V: Rich Matzen	A/V: Rich Matzen

CALENDAR

Our Gifts, Tithes & Offerings for 12/9/2018

	Amount
Tithes and Offering	\$ 5,608.00
Advent	893.00
Capital Improvements	80.00
Preschool	100.00
Sunday School Offering	43.00
Sunday School	<u>75.00</u>
Total	\$ 6,799.00

Attendance for week of 12/9/2018

In Worship		In Study	
Sunday Service		High School	6
8:00 a.m.	196	Sunday School	54
10:00 a.m.	51	Staff	<u>11</u>
Wednesday Cantata		Total	71
6:00 p.m.	138		
Wednesday Advent			
7:00 p.m.	<u>84</u>		
Total	469		

12/16/2018	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship/Communion
	9:15 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship/Communion
	3:00 PM	Sunday School Christmas Program
12/17/2018	1:00 PM	500 Card Club
12/18/2018	3:30 PM	West Wing Communion
	6:30 PM	Camp Board Meeting
12/19/2018	5:30 PM	Confirmation Classes
	6:00 PM	Bell Choir
	7:00 PM	Advent Worship
	7:45 PM	Glory Bound Choir
12/20/2018	9:00 AM	Tops Meeting
	5:00 PM	Weight Watchers Meeting
12/23/2018	9:00 AM	Traditional Worship

COMMUNION POLICY — If you are a member of a Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod Congregation, you are welcome to partake of Communion when offered. If time permits, please identify yourself to the Pastor prior to worship. Those who are members of other denominations are encouraged to use this time of Communion as an opportunity for personal prayer and praise. If you have any questions or concerns about this practice, please ask the Pastor for additional information that will explain the Scriptural foundation for this policy.



Altar flowers were given in thanks for God's Blessings this Christmas Season and Always. Congratulations to Miah Betz, Winter Graduate of The University of Northern Iowa. Miah is coming home to share her talents as a teacher in the Social Studies Department at Central DeWitt High School this spring semester! She will also serve as the 7th grade boys track coach.

Love from Mom and Dad, Zach and Megan,
 Curry and Kamryn Jovie

The "Family Christmas Tree" is up and awaiting ornaments. We are asking each family to bring an ornament to place on the tree. Hooks are in the container located under the tree.



Holiday Schedule

Children's Sunday School Christmas Program

3:00 p.m. - December 16th

Wednesday Advent Service

7:00 p.m. on December 19th

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

10:30 a.m. Communion Service
December 25th

Sunday Worship

9:00 a.m. - December 30th



Verlene Reid is turning 90! Please join us at the Dewitt Community Center on December 16, 2018, from 1 - 4 for cake reception. No gifts please, your presence is all that is needed to make Verlene's birthday celebration even more special.

DONATIONS NEEDED

Please check the list of items needs for this year's Winter Camp and consider donating to help keep the costs down. All items should be dropped off at the Grace Kitchen by Thursday, December 27th.

Board of Elders Needs Your Help!

Every year here at Grace Lutheran Church we have more than 120 church services! That does not include weddings and funerals and private baptisms and other special services... With only 7 or 8 elders to cover all of these services it becomes very problematic....**Please consider visiting with Jon Betz if you even have an interest. Then pray that the Holy Spirit will direct your final decision. The Board of Elders needs your help!**

LWML Cookie Delivery to shut ins today! Pick them up in Grace Hall after your church service.

Grace Lutheran Church
Sunday School Children present



Hurry, Listen!

Jesus is Born!

Join us for a Children's Christmas Program
brought to life through the eyes of a child!

Sunday December 16, 2018 @ 3:00pm

Grace Lutheran Church, DeWitt, IA



Our Sunday School Children will have the "Little White Church" decorated for a free will offering. We will also have a collection basket for the Referral Center.

Following the Christmas Program, we will have a Happy Birthday Jesus Party downstairs in Grace Hall. Please come down and join us.

There will be **NO** Sunday School classes on Sunday, December 23rd or 30th. Regular Classes will resume January 6th.