

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

News & Notes

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE - December 15th – December 22nd

Third Sunday in Advent

Setting: Divine Service, Setting 4 beginning on page 203

Hymns: 331 341 849 700 338

Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-20 Acts 16:22-40 Luke 1:22-38, 41-49, 54-55

Sermon: "Mary's Faith"

Praying for: Allen Anderson, Charlotte Harroun, Rick Steward, Liz Niemann, Brad Birtell, Jill Jepsen, Gayle Fuller, and Dick Block.

Gifts, Tithes & Offerings for 12/8/2024
To fully fund our church budget we need \$7,116.00 per week.

	Amount
Simply Giving	\$ 985.00
Advent	\$ 785.00
Tithes & Offering	<u>\$ 3,722.00</u>
Total	\$ 5,492.00

Weekly Shortage (\$ 1,624.00)

Attendance for the week of 12/8/2024

Advent Worship	
11:00 a.m.	35
7:00 p.m.	36
Sunday Worship	
8:00 a.m.	151
10:00 a.m.	<u>24</u>
Total	246

Church Office Hours

December 16th—20th

M-Th 8 to 1 pm— Closed Friday

Reminder that the week of Christmas the office is only open on Monday, December 23rd.

ALL YOUTH (6th – 12th Grades) LOCK-IN

Attention all 6th – 12th Graders. The All Youth LOCK-IN will be held Friday, January 17th here at church. We will again be joined by a team of students from Concordia University Chicago. To sign-up, please email Mr. Sperry at msperry@gracedewitt.org. There is no cost for this event, but we ask that each participant bring a snack for the snack table. Deadline to sign-up is Sunday, January 12th.

Victory Center

On December 19th we will be hosting our next service event at the Victory Center in Clinton. We are still in need of people to cook casseroles. If you can help with this, please sign your name on the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Center.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

6:00 p.m. Worship/Communion
10:00 p.m. Worship/Communion

Christmas Day

9:00 a.m. Communion Service

Sunday, December 29th

9:00 a.m. Worship

Wednesday, January 1st

7:00 pm Worship

THOSE IN SERVICE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15th

8:00 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Alan Ruggeberg

Acolyte: Ava Johnson

10:30 a.m. Service

Music: Diana Baetke

Elder: Jon Betz

Acolyte: Cameron Miller

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18th

11:00 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Scott Steffens

7:00 p.m. Service

Organist: Tasha Becker

Elder: Clint Albrecht

Acolyte: Larry Oronzio

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22nd

8:00 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Alan Ruggeberg

Acolyte: Jaren Nebel

10:30 a.m. Service

Music: Diana Baetke

Elder: Jon Betz

Acolyte: Isaiah Sunday



Altar flowers were given to the Glory of God by the Ackerman Family.

Calendar

12/15/2024	Fellowship Sunday Newsletter Deadline
	8:00 AM Traditional Worship w/Communion
	9:15 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
	10:30 AM Traditional Worship w/Communion
	3:00 PM Children's Christmas Program
12/16/2024	1:00 PM 500 Card Club
12/17/2024	6:30 PM Camp Board Meeting
12/18/2024	Office Closes at 1:00 PM
	9:00 AM Sewing Ladies
	11:00 AM Advent Worship
	5:30 PM Confirmation
	6:30 PM Glory Bound Choir
	7:00 PM Advent Worship
12/19/2024	9:00 AM Tops Meeting
	9:30 AM Stay Active Senior Exercise Group
	4:00 PM Victory Center Service Event
	6:30 PM Men's Table Talk@ Hall of Fame
12/22/2024	8:00 AM Traditional Worship
	10:30 AM Traditional Worship
12/23/2024	No Preschool - Christmas Break
12/24/2024	Office Closed - No Preschool
	6:00 PM Worship
	10:00 PM Worship
12/25/2024	Office Closed - No Preschool
	9:00 AM Christmas Worship

EVERYONE WELCOME—SKI TRIP

Make plans to join us on Sunday, January 26th for an evening of fun on the slopes. We're heading to Sundown in Dubuque. **This is open to all Grace members.** Costs are: \$50 for ski rental, lift ticket & lesson; \$55 for Snowboard rental, lift ticket & lesson; or \$30 for lift ticket only. To register go to shop.sundownmtn.com/groups. When asked, type in the following code: GRACE25 and you will be directed to the site. All registrations and payment must be submitted

Looking for cards? We recently added Christmas Cards. There is also a variety of sympathy, thinking of you, get well, birthday cards, and much more available for purchase next to the Welcome Center. Please take a moment to see the wide assortment of cards and napkins. displayed in the foyer.

Offering Envelopes for 2025 are available in the foyer after Thanksgiving. Please, take a moment following services to pick up your box. Remember, do not use these envelopes until January!

If you do not have a box of envelopes and need them, please contact the church office.

Reminder to Sunday School Families

We do not have Sunday School on:
December 22nd
December 29th
Or January 5th

We will see everyone back at Sunday School on January 12th.



Sunday School Christmas Program

Sunday, December 15th @ 3 pm

The Children's Program is at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 15th. All Children need to be in Grace Hall by 2:45 p.m.

Voter's Meeting

As stated in our current by-laws, Regular meetings of Voters Assembly shall be held on the 2nd Monday of the month during the months of January, April, July and October. The regular quarterly voters meeting shall be announced at a regular Sunday service at least one week prior to the date of convening said meeting.

We need to have 45 voting members in attendance to vote and or approve anything that may be on the agenda. This is your chance to have a say in Church affairs.

Please prayerfully consider attending. Our next Voter's Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 13th at 7:00 p.m. Immediately after the Church Voter's meeting there will be the Annual Camp Board meeting.