

# Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

## News & Notes

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### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE – May 10<sup>th</sup> – May 17<sup>th</sup>

#### Ascension Sunday

**Setting:** Divine Service, Setting 4, beginning on page 203

**Hymns:** 525 493 477

**Readings:** Acts 1:1-11 Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53

**Sermon:**

**Praying For:** Allen Anderson, Brad Birtell, Dick Block, Elaine Schoening, David Edens, Vicki Thomas, Scott McBride, Betsy Henningsen, Steve Smith, Mary Krapf, and Matthew Soenksen.

## CALENDAR

5/10/2026		Randy's Round Up for Preschool
	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship
	9:15 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship
5/13/2026	7:00 AM	Board of Finance Meeting
	6:00 PM	Graduates Dinner
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
5/14/2026	9:00 AM	Tops Meeting
	9:30 AM	Stay Active Senior Exercise Group
5/15/2026		Hall Rental Set UP
		Newsletter Deadline
5/16/2026		Hall Rental
5/17/2026		FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY
	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship w/Communion
	10:30 AM	Praise Worship w/Communion

Gifts, Tithes & Offerings for 5/3/2026. To fully fund the church budget, we need \$7,929.00 per week.

Weekly Offering \$ 12,618.00

#### Attendance for the week of 5/3/2026

##### Sunday Worship

8:00 am	95
10:30 am	<u>52</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>147</b>

#### Those in Service

##### Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

##### 8:00 a.m. Service

**Pastor Merle Warnsholz**

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Paul Kirby

Acolyte: Gavin Birt

##### 10:30 a.m. Service

**Pastor Merle Warnsholz**

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Jon Betz

Acolyte: Cade & Kitt Converse

##### Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>

##### 8:00 a.m. Service

**Pastor Merle Warnsholz**

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Paul Kirby

Acolyte: Brady Dies

##### 10:30 a.m. Service

**Pastor Merle Warnsholz**

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Jon Betz

Acolyte: Leo Hill

Mark your calendar for our next **Congregational Call Meeting** scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

#### Servant Event at the Victory Center

Join us on **Thursday, May 21st** for our next servant event! We need volunteers to provide salads, and help with serving. Sign-up at Welcome Center.



Altar flowers were given in memory of Marvel Smith.

**RaiseRight** orders are due today.

Order forms are located on the Welcome Center.

Last day to round-up at Randy's for Grace Lutheran Preschool.

The Mission Spotlight for the month of May is for the Belize Mission Society. We are collecting mission donations to support the Food 4 Thought program. This program provides children with a daily hot lunch and a scholarship program that pays for school fees and uniforms. Donations can be left in the "white church" located on the table in the narthex. We have set a goal of \$500 to be sent to this mission. We have collected \$100.

Mites are being collected this Sunday in the box located in the narthex.

Looking for cards? A variety of cards and napkins are available for purchase next to the Welcome Center. Please take a moment to see the wide assortment of cards displayed in the foyer.

Graduation cards have arrived!!!

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – WE NEED YOU

Recruitment and planning continue for this year's VBS program. The theme is: **“Emerald Crossing”**. To make this program a success we need your help. Please check out the volunteer registration bulletin board in the atrium and consider signing up for one of the roles. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact DCE, Mark Sperry. The dates are Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> – Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. A light meal will be served from 5:00 pm – 5:30 pm. The program will run each evening from 5:45 pm – 8:00 pm. **Registration will open on June 1<sup>st</sup>.**

There will be a Volunteer Rally on Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm at the G\*Y\*M Building at Grace Camp. Please put this on your calendars and plan to be there.

### ASCENSION DAY SERVICE



WHEN? THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2026, 7PM

WHERE? IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, GRAND MOUND, IA

(706 SMITH ST., GRAND MOUND, IA, 52751)

WHAT? DIVINE SERVICE ON THE FEAST OF CHRIST'S ASCENSION

### Graduation Open Houses:

The Grace church family is invited to a Graduation Open House for Noah John Sunday. It will take place at the DeWitt American Legion on May 16<sup>th</sup>. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Join us to celebrate Ashlie Oronzio's graduation, May 16<sup>th</sup>, from 11 am to 2 pm at Grace Camp Andrew building.

Jackson Butler will be celebrating his graduation on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at Grace Camp in the Peter building from 11 am to 2 pm.

**Volunteers are needed** for VBS and Day Camps. Please see the bulletin board in the foyer to see where help is needed.

New this year, all volunteers 18 years or older will need to be **background checked**. Please ask Mark or Kerry for the volunteer application. Thank you.

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# GOOD LORD!

## Summer Camp 2026

Apply to be a camp counselor.

9th Grade - College

To Apply as a counselor, please follow the steps below:

1. Obtain an application form from Mark Sperry. You can either pick it up at the church or one can be emailed to you.
2. Submit the completed application to [msperry@gracedewitt.org](mailto:msperry@gracedewitt.org).
3. Once the application is approved, you will be contacted and given a link to register. You must wait to receive the link to register.

REGISTRATION OPENS  
JUNE 1ST

CONTACT INFORMATION:  
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