

## Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

### News & Notes

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### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE - May 18th—May 25th

#### The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

**Hymns:** 907    709    633    618    863

**Glory Bound Choir directed by Julie Matzen, Accompanied by Connie Vickers**  
"Alpha & Omega" and "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

**Readings:** Acts 11:1-18    Revelation 21:1-7    John 16:12-22

**Sermon:** "Life"

**Praying for:** Allen Anderson, Liz Niemann, Brad Birtell, Jill Jepsen, and Dick Block.

### Important News from the Church Council

The Church Council met on Monday, May 12th and discussed the Church Services, the Vacancy, and the Call process. The Council, upon recommendation of the Elders, has decided that we will need to discontinue Wednesday services beginning May 21st. We have also decided that on June 1st we will have one service at 9:00 am at Grace Church. Clint Albrecht will be making calls to assist us in finding a Vacancy Pastor. The first part of the Call process is to establish a Call Committee, the Council voted, and it was approved to have the Call Committee consist of one member from each board, including the President and President Elect. While the Call Committee is being established, we can ask for Pastoral Nominations. If you have any Pastor's that you would like considered for the Call. There is a Pastoral Nomination Form on the Welcome Center which you will need to fill out. Once you have completed this form, you can drop it off at the church office or place it in the office door slot.

### Cards and Tokens of Appreciation and Well Wishes

Pastor Eric and his wife, Emily, have been called to Immanuel Church in Lakefield, MN.

Pastor Eric, Emily and their family have been an incredible blessing to our church over the last six years. We are truly going to miss them!

We want to bless them with a cards and monetary donations to show our appreciation for all they've done. Beginning this Sunday we will have the wooden box out to collect your tokens of appreciation. The box will be out until June 1st, which is Pastor's last day.

The "Little White: Church will be out for the next four weeks collecting donations to be used to offset Vacation Bible School expenses.

**Gifts, Tithes & Offerings for 05/11/2025**  
*To fully fund our church budget we need \$7,481.00 per week.*

	Amount
Simply Giving	\$ 1,371.00
Tithes & Offering	\$ 3,342.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,713.00</b>

**Weekly Shortage \$ 2,768.00**

**Attendance for the week of 5/11/2025**

**Wednesday Worship**    22

**Sunday Worship**

8:00 a.m.    85

10:30 a.m.    68

**Total**    175

#### THOSE IN SERVICE

##### SUNDAY, MAY 18<sup>th</sup>

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

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Paul Kirby

Acolyte: Zach Yutesler

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

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Jon Betz

Acolyte: Zane Burzlaff

#### REMINDER!!

**THERE WILL BE NO WEDNESDAY  
SERVICE STARTING MAY 21ST.**

##### SUNDAY, MAY 25<sup>th</sup>

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

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Paul Kirby

Acolyte: Brody Lawrence

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

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Jon Betz

Acolyte: Kennick Meyer



Altar flowers are given in honor of all the graduates of 2025.



Celebrate a love that has stood the test of time! Join us in honoring the 50th wedding anniversary of Ken and Kyle Jackson. Cards can be sent to 2510 320th Ave, DeWitt, IA 52742 to celebrate this momentous occasion.

# Calendar

5/18/2025		Fellowship Sunday
	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship w/Comm
	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship w/Comm
5/19/2025	1:00 PM	500 Card Club
	7:00 PM	Youth Board Meeting
5/20/2025	6:30 PM	Camp Board Meeting
5/21/2025	9:00 AM	Sewing Ladies
5/22/2025	8:00 AM	Raise the Flags
	9:00 AM	Tops Meeting
	9:30 AM	Senior Exercise Group
5/23/2025		Office Closed
5/25/2025	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship
	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship



Join us for Graduation Celebration honoring Kamryn Albrecht on Saturday, May 31st from 4:00-7:00pm at the Albrecht residence - 22050 277th Ave in Le Claire.

## WE NEED YOU! VOLUNTEER!

Summer provides many opportunities for our members to volunteer their time and talent. We need volunteers for Summer Night Out, Day Camps, Vacation Bible School and Summer Camp. Please, take a moment to look at the bulletin board in the foyer to see how you can volunteer.

Join us on  
Sun., June 1<sup>st</sup>  
After the 9:00 am  
Worship Service  
For a Farewell Reception for  
Pastor Obermann, Emily & Family

Please, join us on Thursday, May 22nd at 8:00 am to raise the flags at church. If it is raining or has been raining, please call the church office to confirm this will still be taking place.

**FREE**

Grace Lutheran Church

**SUMMER NIGHT OUT**

**JUNE 7TH 5 TO 7 PM**

**At Grace Camp**

2675 24nd St, DeWitt, IA

Join us for a fun filled family night out. Games, bounce houses, face painting, food, shaved ice, and Sheriff train rides. Everything is free. Everyone is welcome!

For more info: (563) 659-9153 | Visit us: [www.gracedewitt.org](http://www.gracedewitt.org)

**SUMMER NIGHT OUT** - Volunteers for Summer Night Out are needed!!! On June 7, our congregation will be hosting a Summer Night Out family event for the community at Grace Camp. Volunteers are needed to help with greeting, food, games and inflatables on the day of this event. Take a look at the bulletin board in the church foyer to see where and when you can help and sign up.

**WE NEED YOU** - Recruitment and planning continue for this year's VBS program is underway. The theme is: **"Wonder Junction"**. 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 Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> – Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a Volunteer Rally on **Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm** at the G\*Y\*M\* Building at Grace Camp. Please, put this on your calendar and plan to be there if you are volunteering to help with VBS.