Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

News & Notes

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE - May 10th - May 17th



PLEASE REMEMBER TO CONTINUE GIVING TO YOUR CHURCH DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME

Our Gifts, Tithes & Offerings for 5/10/2020 Amount Tithes and Offering \$ 4,690.00 Simply Giving 1,690.00 Easter 50.00 Capital Improvements 50.00 **MITES** 25.00 Preschool 50.00 Total \$ 6,555.00

Online service only through May 24, 2020, then we re-evaluate.

Dear Saints of Grace,

I want to share an update with you this morning concerning the standing of our in-person worship services.

On May 6, 2020, I met with the leadership of the Grace Church, and after much discussion and planning. We concluded that we would extend our ONLINE ONLY worship services through May 24, 2020. To which we are praying that the number of COVID 19 cases in the state of lowa will be in decline and Governor Reynolds will issue a proclamation to allow groups up to 50 to meet.

Also, we feel that before we can safely have in-person worship services, we are looking at what practices we will need to follow. Such as keeping six feet apart, being ushered in and ushered out of the service, knowing what doors to enter and to leave through, how will we do communion. Do we kneel at the altar or have a more continuous flow? How often do we need to clean the sanctuary? Clean the door handles and the bathrooms? Do we require you to wear a mask? Do we need to have a signup sheet for worship times? These are the questions being asked.

I pray for your continued patience, as we are getting closer to having in-person worship services soon.

In the service of Christ,

Pastor Eric

During this pandemic we have had to change how we worship and where we worship. We encourage everyone to watch YouTube and Facebook for services, Bible studies and other opportunities to stay connected with the Word.

We will continue to re-evaluate to see if there will be a need to extend our time worshiping at home. During this time our Pastor, church leaders and members continue to pray for guidance, support, love and hope for everyone during this time.

Please continue to watch our Facebook page, your emails, the church sign, and or check our website (www.gracedewitt.org) for current information on worship services and meeting information.





I would like to thank the members of Grace for all the wonderful cards and wishes I received for my Birthday. I enjoyed all the mail. It was so nice being remembered by everyone.

Thank you so very much, June Petersen.



Every year we recognize our teachers, Sunday School and Confirmation, for all their hard work and dedication they give to the students at Grace Lutheran Church. This year we would like to recognize the following:

Cathy Paarmann, Barb Dies, Sue Stevens, Alivia Burzlaff, Elyce Burzlaff, Katelyn Good, Irene Myers, LeaAnn Dies, Donovan Good, Barry & Kristy Engelkes, Gayle Fuller, Mr. Mark Sperry and Pastor Eric.

We thank you for all the lessons you have prepared. Because of you the Love of God is shared. We appreciate all of your hard work, dedication, love, compassion and understanding you show to all of your students.

Thank you, Kerry Good Sunday School Superintendent