

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

News & Notes

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE – March 22nd – March 29th

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

Hymns: 420 430 552

Grace Choir directed by Julie Matzen; Accompanied by Connie Vickers
“O Man of Sorrow”

Readings: *Ezekiel 37:1-14 Romans 8:1-11 John 11:1-53*

Sermon: “Jesus, the Lord of Life and Death”

Praying For: Allen Anderson, Brad Birtell, Dick Block, Elaine Schoening, David Edens, Andrew Gisel, Vicki Thomas, Jill Jepsen, Scott McBride, and Betsy Henningsen.

CALENDAR

3/22/2026	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship
	9:15 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship
3/23/2026	6:30 PM	Board of Christian Education
3/25/2026	11:00 AM	Lent Worship
	5:30 PM	Confirmation
	5:30 PM	Lenten Meal - Tacos
	7:00 PM	Lent Worship
	7:45 PM	Choir Practice
3/26/2026		Preschool Yoga in Grace Hall
	9:00 AM	Tops Meeting
	9:30 AM	Stay Active Senior Exercise Group
3/27/2026		Church Office Closed
3/28/2026	10:00 AM	Pancake Breakfast Set-Up
	6:30 PM	Preschool Trivia Night @ Murphy's Event Center
3/29/2026		
	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship w/Communion
	8:30 AM	Pancake Breakfast
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship w/Communion

Trivia Night Fundraiser - Join Us!!

Please join us for a fun night of Trivia on March 28th at 6:30 pm. You still have time to get a table for the Preschool Trivia Night Fundraiser. \$80 per table of 8 players. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Call the church office at 563-659-9153 or email preschool@gracedewitt.org to reserve your table.



Altar flowers were given in honor of Dale Greve's Birthday.

Gifts, Tithes & Offerings for 3/8/2026. To fully fund the church budget, we need \$7,929.00 per week.

	Amount
Simply Giving	\$ 1,562.00
Lenten Services	\$ 823.00
Tithes & Offerings	<u>\$ 5,570.00</u>
Total	\$ 7,955.00

Attendance for the week of 3/1/2026

Wednesday	
11:00 am	49
7:00 pm	28
Sunday Worship	
8:00 am	70
10:30 am	<u>60</u>
Total	207

Those in Service

Sunday, March 22nd

8:00 a.m. Service

Pastor James Batchelor

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Paul Kirby

Acolyte: Brady Dies

10:30 a.m. Service

Pastor James Batchelor

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Jon Betz

Acolyte: Larry Oronzio

Wednesday, March 25th

11:00 a.m. Service

Pastor James Batchelor

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Duane Hansen & Allen Rugeberg

7:00 p.m. Service

Pastor Kent Umbarger

Organist: Christine Boudro

Elder: Lucas Rickertsen

Acolyte: Ava Johnson

Sunday, March 29th

8:00 a.m. Service

Pastor Kent Umbarger

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Paul Kirby

Acolyte: Cameron Miller & Leo Hill

10:30 a.m. Service

Pastor Kent Umbarger

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Jon Betz

Acolyte: Austin Nolin & Isaiah Sunday

Join us during Lent for worship on Wednesdays at 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

We invite you to share in fellowship over a Lenten meal. The Finance Board and Board of Trustees will be preparing tacos.

Come, worship, and prepare your heart for the journey to Easter. All are welcome!



Peace Beyond Measure

A Christian Women's Retreat

Saturday, April 25

9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Doors open at 9:00 AM

Grace Camp at the Peter Retreat Center
2675 242nd Street • DeWitt, Iowa

Cost: \$20

Lunch & Beverages Included

*Join us for a day of renewal, encouragement,
and Christ-centered connection.*

Open to all women.

Organized by the Women of Grace.

To register, call or text Kristy
563-210-2462



Speaker:
Michelle Diercks
Author/Christian
Life Coach

Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast

March 29th - 8:30 am to 10:00 am

Please join us for a delicious meal and a chance to fellowship with the other members here at Grace. Proceeds from the breakfast are used for future Youth Ministry events.

Women of Grace Sunday Morning Bible Study

We have been taking our time to get through *Promised Hope: Finding Peace in God's Faithfulness*. God has been knitting our hearts together through His Word, and our goal is to finish the book in May.

Whether you have been with us from the beginning, haven't joined us in a while, or are brand new — **you are warmly welcome to come and start right where we are.** It is never too late to join us!

Class Dates

- ◆ Sunday, April 12, 2026
- ◆ Sunday, April 19, 2026
- ◆ Sunday, April 26, 2026
- ◆ Sunday, May 10, 2026



holy week

Palm Sunday, March 29th

Procession of Palms at both services
8:00 am & 10:30 am Worship/Communion

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd

Service will include Stripping of the Altar
7:00 p.m. Worship/Communion

Good Friday, April 3rd

7:00 pm

Easter Sunday Worship, April 5th

Grace Choir will sing the "Hallelujah Chorus"
at both services.

8:00 a.m. Worship/Communion

10:00 a.m. Worship/Communion

Women Wine and the Word



Thursday March 26th

6:30pm

The Varsity Tap
Upstairs Lounge

Join us for an evening
of fellowship with
other women!



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Note: This space is upstairs. If this type of event interests you but accessibility is an issue, please contact Rachael at 563-593-2393 so we can plan with that in mind for future events.