

Grace News

Walking Together Through the Pastoral Call Process

A pastoral vacancy is a significant season in the life of a congregation. It may bring gratitude for past ministry, sadness at a pastor's departure, and understandable questions about the future. Yet it is also a time to remember Christ's promise to care for His Church through His Word and Sacraments.

In the LCMS, a pastoral call is more than a hiring decision. The church recognizes that God gives the congregation the responsibility to call a qualified pastor to serve in its midst. While Scripture does not prescribe one identical set of procedural steps, LCMS districts provide guidance so that the process is carried out prayerfully, transparently, and in good order.

How the process generally works

The exact timeline and paperwork vary by district and by a congregation's constitution and bylaws. Typically, however, the process follows these stages:

1. Beginning the vacancy well. The congregation works with its Circuit Visitor and District President's office, arranges pastoral coverage, and establishes a call committee according to its governing documents.
2. Before seeking a candidate, the congregation studies its present ministry, community, strengths, needs, finances, and priorities. This work helps create a realistic ministry description and congregational profile. It is an opportunity not simply to ask, "What kind of pastor do we want?" but, "Where is God calling us to serve, and what pastoral leadership will help us carry out that mission?"
3. Receiving and considering candidates. Congregational members are invited to submit names for consideration. The District President develops an official call list, using the congregation's profile and nominations along with knowledge of pastors' availability and suitability. The call committee then reviews candidate information and, following district guidance, may contact and interview selected candidates.
4. The congregational vote and call. The call committee presents candidates as required by the congregation's constitution and bylaws. At a properly called voters' meeting, the congregation votes to extend a call. Official call documents are completed and sent through the appropriate district process.
5. The pastor's deliberation. A call is an invitation, not an immediate transfer. The pastor prayerfully considers the needs of both his present congregation and the calling congregation, often consulting family, trusted colleagues, and district leadership. He may accept or decline. If he accepts, the congregation prepares to welcome him and his family and plans for installation; if he declines, the congregation continues the process with patience and prayer.

What each of us can do during the call process

- Pray consistently. Pray for the call committee, the congregation's unity, the District and Circuit leadership, the pastors being considered, and their families. Ask the Holy Spirit to give wisdom, humility, and trust in Christ.

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Office Hours

M-Th 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
Closed on Fridays

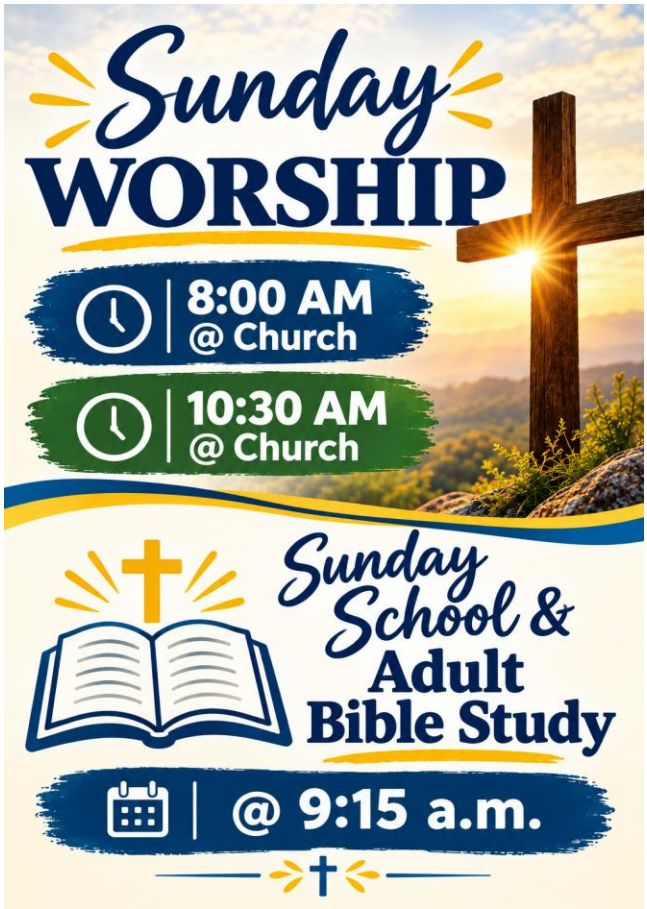
Newsletter Deadline

Submissions for the November Newsletter need to be received by October 15th. (kgood@gracedewitt.org)

SERVING THIS MONTH:
The Elders for Sunday Worship:
Sunday's 8:00 am Paul Kirby
10:30 am Jon Betz

The Organist: Diana Baetke

	The Acolytes
October 4th	
8:00 am	Emmett Rickertsen & James Gruntorad
10:30 am	Ryleigh Spain
October 11th	
8:00 am	Dennis Wold & Ezekiel DeHaven
10:30 am	Zane Burzlaff & Eden Gibson
October 18th	
8:00 am	Brody Lawrence & Paisley Mork
10:30 am	Emmett Rickertsen
October 25th	
8:00 am	Collin Oliver & Lucy Oliver
10:30 am	Carter Paarmann & Breanna Paasch



Special Gifts Given Include:
In loving memory of Jill Jepsen, $500 was given to the flower fund.
In loving memory of Dick Stevens, $50 was given to the A/V fund.

Be the First Smile They See!

Do you have a friendly smile and a heart for making people feel at home? We're looking for **Greeters** to extend a warm welcome to members and visitors before our worship services.

Greeters help set the tone for a joyful, welcoming atmosphere — and it only takes a few minutes of your time! Please arrive **20 minutes before the service** to greet with a smile, a handshake, or a kind word.

Sign up today on the sheet located on the Welcome Center and be part of making someone's Sunday extra special!

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- Participate constructively. Offer feedback when invited, attend congregational meetings, and learn about the ministry needs and hopes being identified.
- Support pastoral coverage. Be patient and encouraging toward vacancy pastors, guest preachers, staff, and lay leaders who help sustain the congregation's worship and care during the transition.
- Practice Christian speech. Avoid rumors, campaigning, and speculation about candidates. Respect confidentiality and let the committee communicate through the established channels.
- Keep expectations realistic. No pastor can replicate a former pastor or meet every member's preference. Seek a faithful shepherd who will preach Christ, administer the Sacraments, provide pastoral care, and help lead the congregation in its God-given mission.
- Prepare to welcome. When a call is accepted, greet the pastor and his family with hospitality, patience, and practical support as they relocate and begin new relationships.

A vacancy is not merely an interval to endure. It can be a season of renewal: a time to listen carefully to God's Word, to strengthen our life together, and to prepare faithfully for the pastor God will place among us. As we move forward, may we do so with confidence that the Lord of the Church remains present, guiding His people through every season.

In Memory of:

Arwin P. (Pete) Petersen, age 84 Yr. of Dewitt passed away on Sun. Sept 13, 2026 at Fieldstone of Dewitt.

Arwin was born March 3, 1942, at home, near Welton, IA; to Peter B. Petersen and Marie (Fries) Petersen. His parents last farmed near Clinton and later retired to Dewitt. Arwin graduated from Dewitt Community high school in 1961. Using the knowledge he had gained with Clinton High School Building Trade classes; he soon built 3 homes in Dewitt and sold them. He also worked for Hamdorf Plumbing and Heating of Dewitt for many years. He then started his own business, Arwin's Pluming Service. Over the years he gradually purchased various rental properties in Dewitt and solely managed and maintained them himself as his occupation later in his career.

Arwin was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Dewitt, served many years on the Elmwood Cemetery Board, and was a member of the Clinton County Landlords association. In his younger years he enjoyed giving his great nephews & nieces rides in his replica yellow Model A car and driving it in parades. In his retirement years he enjoyed driving around the country; often visiting his niece's family on the farm and riding with David and the boys in the combine and tractors and going along on errands.

He is survived by two nieces - Gwen Grantz and Jaclyn (Joe) Bisinger of Mammoth; Five great nieces and nephews - Wayne (Tori), Scott (Jeni), Luke (Amy), Janna (Nathan), Justin (Emma); and nine great-great nieces and nephews - Hannah, Katie, Clayton, Laikyn, Gentry, Sawyer, Max, Blair, Isaac; Sister-in-law - Ruth Petersen and her children Pam and Brad and their families.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother Clifton, Sister Beverly, and nephew-in-law David Grantz.

Stay Connected with Grace!

Don't Miss an Important Message!

From event updates and worship times to office closures and important announcements, we want to make sure you stay informed!

Grace Lutheran uses email and text messages to keep our members connected and up to date.

Not receiving our messages? We'd love to get you connected!

Call the church office and speak with Kerry or Mark to make sure we have your current contact information and that you are signed up to receive church communications.

Email • Text • Stay Connected

Grace Lutheran Church
Keeping our church family informed!

Pastor Appreciation Day
October 11th

Pastor Appreciation Day is October 11th! If you would like to honor Pastor Merle with a kind word of appreciation, a wooden card box will be available from October 1st through October 11th.

We invite you to take a moment to share a note of encouragement, gratitude, or appreciation for Pastor Merle and all he does for our church.

Thank you for helping us make Pastor Appreciation Day special!

RaiseRight™
GIFT CARD PROGRAM



Youth Fundraiser
Orders Due - October 18th.



Pies & Dessert Bakers

October 11th will be here before you know it! We need volunteers to make pies and desserts for **OctoberFeast**. Sign-up sheets are located on the table in the foyer. Thank you for helping make this special event a success!

Tickets On Sale Now!

You can purchase your tickets for **OctoberFeast** on Sundays before or after worship service, or stop by the church office during the week.

- **Adults:** $15 in advance | $17 at the door
- **Children (5-10):** $5

We hope you'll join us for OctoberFeast!



Miles of Dimes

Grace Camp has been a cherished community gathering place since its purchase in 1988, offering a variety of facilities and activities that everyone enjoys. To help fund and maintain these spaces, the Miles of Dimes project was launched in 1990. A Miles of Dimes collection jar is conveniently located at the Welcome Center, making it easy for everyone to give. Your donations- nickels, dimes, quarters, or any sum you give- are a simple way to help ensure that future generations can continue to enjoy the camp's programs and facilities.

Donate your used glasses, sunglasses and reading glasses to the Lions Club. A collection box is located in the foyer coat area. These glasses are picked up by a member of the Lions and then sent to a facility that will refurbish them for others who may not be able to afford glasses. (Please remember they can not accept glass cases.)

Referral Center Donations

We will continue to collect monthly donations for the Referral Center as the need is great. The Referral Center can always use kid-friendly cereal, green beans, Hamburger, Helper, tuna, deodorant, shampoo, soap, and so much more. All donations can be left in the shopping cart located in the foyer.

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.

LWML Mites Collection –

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) will be collecting Mites on Sunday, October 4th. These offerings help support LCMS mission projects locally and around the world. If you would like to participate, you may place your donation in the Mite Box located in the Narthex or leave a clearly marked donation in the offering plate.

Thank you for your faithful support of LWML and the mission work of the LCMS — together, we are sharing Christ's love in action!



TRUNK OR TREAT

Children, families, and friends of Grace Lutheran Church are invited to Trunk or Treat at Grace Camp!

📅 **Sunday, October 25th**
⏰ **3:00–5:00 PM**
📍 **Grace Camp**

Children will walk through the grounds with their adult(s), gathering treats from decorated vehicles along the way! If a child is unable to walk the grounds, please let us know so we can make a plan to accommodate them.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST A TRUNK?

Hosting a trunk is a fun way to help make this event special for our children and families! If you would like to participate, you will need to:

- Arrive at Grace Camp no later than 2:00 PM on October 25th to get your vehicle in place and decorated.
- Provide your own vehicle decorations. Get creative and have fun!
- Provide treats to distribute from your vehicle. We are planning for approximately 200 children.

SIGN UP IN ADVANCE!

PLEASE BE SURE TO SIGN UP TO HOST A TRUNK in advance. A sign-up sheet is located on the Welcome Center at Grace Lutheran Church. You may also contact Kerry Good at Grace Church at 563-659-9153 to sign up or ask questions.

We hope you'll join us for a fun afternoon of treats, creativity, and fellowship!

October 15, 2026
Victory Center Service Event

Once again, a heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed food, helped serve, and lifted our September service event at the Victory Center in Clinton in prayer. Your generosity and servant hearts made a meaningful difference to those we served.

Looking ahead, our next Victory Center service event will be Thursday, October 15th. We are preparing to serve up to 40 guests, with enough food to offer seconds. Every helping hand will be a blessing!

Volunteer & Food Needs
We are currently looking for volunteers to help with the following:

Main Dishes (Misc. Meat Dish/Casserole) — 5 volunteers
Salads/Side Dishes (serve at least 15) — 4 volunteers
Desserts (serve at least 15) — 3 volunteers
Drinks (Milk)— 2 volunteers
Delivery & Serving — 5 volunteers

If you haven't had the opportunity to help with one of these meals, we invite you to consider getting involved. We especially encourage men to join us in this mission, particularly in delivering and serving the meal. It is a wonderful opportunity to connect with others while sharing God's love through service.

Together, we can make October's event another opportunity to share hope, fellowship, and care with our neighbors. We hope you'll consider joining us and being part of this meaningful ministry!

All food needs to be prepared and brought to the church by 4:00 PM on Thursday, October 15th.

Thank you for helping make this ministry possible!

SENIOR HIGH BIBLE STUDY
We meet Wednesday evenings at the Sperry's from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm.

Middle School Bonfire & Games @ Grace Camp
Sunday, October 18th is the date for our Bonfire & Games @ Grace Camp. The deadline to sign up is October 15th. Please R.S.V.P. to Mr. Sperry at msperry@gracedewitt.org. This is open to all 6th-8th graders and their friends.

The 2026 Altar Flower calendar is on the Welcome Center. Bouquets can be donated in honor of or in memory of persons or events. Each bouquet is $30, with two bouquets available each week. Please sign up for your preferred dates and place your payment in the secretary's door. You may purchase one or both bouquets.

The following dates are available:
November 8th, 22nd, 29th

We hope to have flowers every week, but we know that there are Sundays when the arrangements will not be spoken for. It is on these Sundays when you will not see arrangements on the altar. To assist the church in making arrangements, there is another way you can help. Donate money to our flower fund. We will then use the money in the flower fund to cover the cost of flowers when they have not been spoken for.

Mark Sperry, DCE
563-321-0674
msperry@gracedewitt.org

Mark's Office Hours
M-Th - 7:00 am to 1:00 pm

Kerry Good
kgood@gracedewitt.org

Grace Lutheran Preschool
PH: 563-659-9193

Preschool Teacher/Director
Christine Greve
preschool@gracedewitt.org

Grace Lutheran Camp
2675 242nd St, P.O. Box 156
DeWitt, IA 52742-0156

Camp Reservations
camprentals@gracedewitt.org
319-230-7718

Grace Lutheran Church

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Share the Joy of Christmas Around the World!



Grace Lutheran Church is excited to participate in Operation Christmas Child, a ministry that brings the joy and hope of Jesus Christ to children around the world through simple gift-filled shoeboxes.

WHAT IS OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD?

Operation Christmas Child collects shoeboxes filled with carefully selected gifts and delivers them to children in need around the world. Each shoebox is an opportunity to show a child that they are loved and remembered.

But the impact goes beyond the gifts.

Every shoebox is an opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the message of God's love.



Small gifts. Big impact!

YOU CAN HELP IN 3 WAYS!

1 FILL A SHOEBOX

Fill a shoebox with gifts for a boy or girl. Choose age-appropriate items such as toys, school supplies, hygiene items, and other fun gifts.

2 GIVE A MONETARY DONATION

Help us cover the cost of sending the shoeboxes around the world.

Our goal: $1,000 for shipping.

Monetary donations may be placed in the wooden box in the church foyer.

3 PRAY

Pray for this mission, for everyone who helps prepare and deliver the shoeboxes, and especially for the children who will receive them.

Pray that each child will experience God's love and hear the Good News of Jesus.

OUR GOALS

100
SHOEBOXES
Let's fill 100 boxes and bless 100 children!

$1,000
FOR SHIPPING
To help mail our shoeboxes around the world.

$600
THE GREATEST JOURNEY
To help provide The Greatest Journey to children who receive shoeboxes.

The Greatest Journey gives children an opportunity to learn more about Jesus and grow in their faith after receiving an Operation Christmas Child shoebox.

OCTOBER 18 – NOVEMBER 15

During this time, you can:

- Fill a shoebox
- Give toward shipping and The Greatest Journey
- Pray for the mission and the children

LET'S FILL 100 BOXES AND SHARE GOD'S LOVE AROUND THE WORLD!

Every box. Every gift. Every prayer. Every child matters.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
OCTOBER 2026

Mission SPOTLIGHT

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

OCTOBERFEAST

Our annual OctoberFeast is a special time for our church family and community to come together around a shared meal and meaningful fellowship. This year's event is scheduled for October 11. Join us for great food, friendly conversation, and the joy of gathering with those around us. Invite a friend, neighbor, or coworker. Everyone is welcome! Proceeds from recent years have supported the Summer Lunchbox Program, youth ministry events and the Clinton Victory Center, just to name a few.

FILL A BAG. FILL A NEED.

This October, Grace families will each receive an empty grocery bag with a goal of helping to stock the food pantry at the DeWitt Referral Center. ***You can help*** by filling your bag with non-perishable food items. Return your bag to church by the end of October. Together, we can help our neighbors in need through this community outreach.



Grace Lutheran Preschool

The Preschool is off to a great start this school year. The children are getting into a routine, learning many new things, and they are making new friends.

The four-year-old students will continue working on letter recognition in their names and writing letters. Themes for the month of October are apples, fire safety, leaves, pumpkins, and Halloween. The students are looking forward to trick-or-treating around downtown and having a Halloween party.

Fall is here, and the three-year-olds are getting busy learning all about it! They are going to help build Scarecrow Joe, who will be sitting in our room and teaching us about animals at night and pumpkins! Our Bible stories this month are about David and Goliath, Joseph's colorful robe, and how he saves his family. We are all getting into a routine, and it's been so much fun getting to know our classmates. This October, preschool will be having Donuts with Dads on October 22nd, which the kids look forward to! Then, of course, we end the month with our Halloween costume party!

Thank You

Extending Heartfelt Thanks for Your Generosity and Support

On behalf of the Camp Board and Church Council, we want to extend a sincere thank you to each of you who provided food, snacks, or lent a hand in serving meals during the Concordia students' visit.

Your time, talent, and dedication made a real difference—not only in keeping everyone well-fed, but in creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere that the students will remember. Whether you baked, cooked, donated, served, or simply showed up with a smile, please know that your efforts were deeply appreciated.

It's because of caring people like you that we can offer such meaningful experiences to our guests. Thank you for being such an important part of this.

Grace Preschool FUNDRAISER

Happy Joe's® Coupon Cards

HAPPY JOE'S
PIZZA & ICE CREAM



ONLY $10

These cards contain over $30 worth of savings!

Can be used at any Happy Joe's location!



Sales Begin
October 12th
and run through October 25th





Purchases can be made at the
Church Office
415 10th St, DeWitt, IA
or on the 18th or 25th before services.

Use Your Time & Talents Serve on a Church Board!

October is the time of year when our Church Boards begin looking for new members—and we would love for YOU to consider getting involved!

Grace Lutheran Church is blessed with many dedicated boards that help support the ministry and mission of our congregation. Each board has an important role to play, and each one provides a unique opportunity to share your time, talents, and gifts in service to the Lord and His Church.

Take a moment to prayerfully consider where you might be able to serve. You may discover that your skills, interests, or experiences are exactly what one of our boards needs!

Below is a brief look at our Church Boards and the ways they serve Grace Lutheran Church.

Board of Elders
The Board of Elders assists the Pastoral Office and is concerned with the spiritual life of the congregation, supervision of public worship, spiritual care of the congregation, church discipline, and the wellness of the Called Leadership Team and their families. Elder responsibilities may include assisting with the distribution of the Lord's Supper, directing ushers and acolytes during worship, and helping collect and secure the offering following worship services.

Interested in learning more or serving on the Board of Elders? Contact Clint Albrecht.

Board of Finance
The Board of Finance oversees the financial procedures of Grace Lutheran Church, helping ensure sound financial practices and supporting the congregation's ability to successfully carry out its mission. Responsibilities include training and overseeing Counting Teams, gathering budget information, managing the budget process, overseeing the accounting, recording, and depositing of tithes and offerings, and providing financial stewardship education and encouragement to the congregation.

Interested in learning more or serving on the Finance Board? Contact Rich Matzen.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for the oversight, appearance, and maintenance of our church property. Responsibilities include maintaining the church and property, conducting monthly fire extinguisher inspections, changing filters, and making sure equipment is properly maintained and inspected. If you enjoy working with your hands, solving problems, or helping care for our church facilities, this may be a great opportunity to serve!

Interested in learning more or serving on the Board of Trustees? Contact Wayne Grantz.

Board of Christian Education
The Board of Christian Education strives to provide fun, meaningful, and engaging opportunities to share the Gospel with members of our congregation. Responsibilities include working Vacation Bible School; organizing volunteers for Sunday School, with called staff to select curriculum for Sunday School and VBS, the Children's Christmas Program, and Club345; coordinating the nursery program; supporting adult education and small-group Bible studies; and encouraging members to participate in educational opportunities.

Interested in learning more or serving on the Board of Christian Ed? Contact Amy Meyers.

Board of Youth
The Board of Youth assists the called Youth Ministry Leader(s) and focuses on the spiritual life and needs of the youth of our congregation. The Board helps guide the Youth Ministry, develops and maintains ministry opportunities for youth, regularly evaluates youth ministry needs, cares for the young people of our congregation, and encourages youth to become actively involved in the mission and ministry of the church.

Interested in learning more or serving on the Board of Youth? Contact Mark Sperry.

Board of Outreach
The Board of Outreach encourages good stewardship and inspires members to use their time and talents in service to the mission and ministry of Grace Lutheran Church. The Board also helps equip members to connect others with

Jesus, our Savior. Responsibilities include organizing and promoting OctoberFeast, sharing stewardship information, encouraging new members to become involved in church ministries, and developing, maintaining, and overseeing the outreach efforts of the congregation.

Interested in learning more or joining the Board of Outreach? Contact Kristy Engelkes

Board of Preschool

The Board of Preschool works to provide parents and preschool-age children with opportunities that support their spiritual, intellectual, emotional, social, and physical needs. Responsibilities include maintaining job descriptions for the Preschool Director and teaching staff; employing or appointing additional personnel as needed; approving and revising Preschool Staff and Parent Handbooks and operating procedures; developing and maintaining the preschool budget; and regulating tuition amounts and fees.

Interested in learning more or serving on the Preschool Board? Contact Kerry

Where Is God Calling You to Serve?

There is a place for everyone at Grace Lutheran Church, and your gifts matter! Whether you enjoy working with people, children, youth, finances, property, education, outreach, or worship, there is an opportunity to make a difference.

Please prayerfully consider serving on one of our Church Boards. Your involvement not only strengthens our congregation—it helps us continue sharing the love of Christ and carrying out the mission God has given us.

Your time. Your talents. Your service. Our church family. Consider saying “YES!” to serving Grace Lutheran Church.



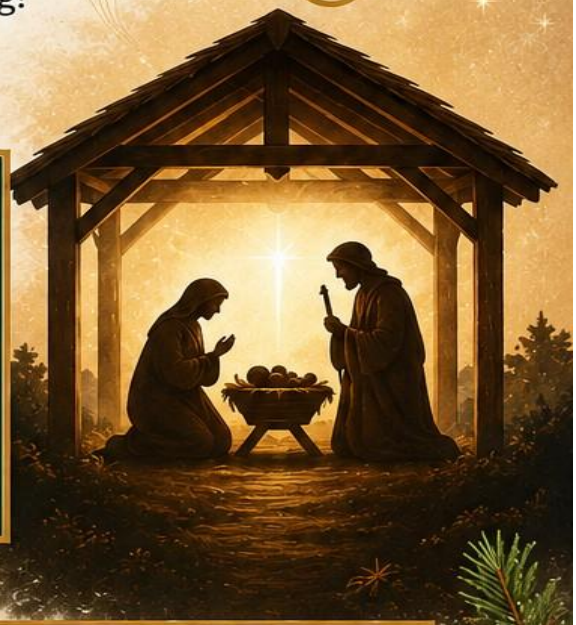
Come join the

GRACE CHRISTMAS CHORALE

as we prepare and perform a **CHRISTMAS CANTATA**, telling the story of *Jesus' birth* through song and narration!

Adult singers (including high school students) of all skill levels across the community are welcome to participate!

Kick off your Christmas holiday season with a fun group of folks who love to sing!



Rehearsal Details:

First Rehearsal:
Wednesday, October 7th at 7:00 pm

Location: **Sanctuary of Grace Lutheran Church**

Address: **415 10th St – DeWitt, IA**

Director: **Julie Matzen**

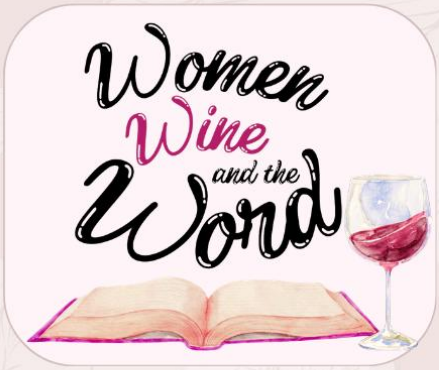
Questions or Want to Join?

Phone: **Grace Lutheran Church – 563-659-9153**

Email: **kgood@gracedewitt.org**

Feel free to snap a photo of this flyer and share it with friends and family!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Upcoming Dates:
9/24, 10/22, 11/19
6:30pm at The Varsity Tap's
Upstairs Lounge
Join us for a no-prep bible study
and conversation. Bring a friend!



Saturday November 14th 4pm-?
Let's have a girls night!
Bring a favorite dish, appetizer or
dessert to share.
Peter Retreat Center at Grace Camp



Sunday December 6th
ALL are welcome to join us for
soup, tea, coffee and lemonade with
an Advent Devotional.
Grace Hall-11:45am
(after late service.)



Saturday April 10th
Open to ALL women!
9:30am-3pm
Peter Retreat Center at Grace Camp
Sign up via text/call to 563-210-2462.
Cost-$20 (includes catered lunch)

Women of Grace

Questions? Call Rachael at 563-593-2393

Grace Lutheran Church



1st	Lois Matzen
	Peyton Goddard
	Cindy Garcia
	Kennick Meyer
2nd	Angel Paarmann
	Kyptin Barys
3rd	Abrieanna Appleby
4th	John Diercks
	Nick DeHaven
	Michael Peters
	Gavin Birt
5th	Sala Knipfer
	Benson Hill
6th	Logan Meyers
	Cooper Small
	Kelly Lawrence
	Karen Eden
8th	Aaron Meyers
	Carver Krukow
9th	Debbie Anderson
10th	Lily Gruntorad
	Zack Garrity
	Wanda Trafford
11th	Annette DeHaven
12th	Sarah Flathers
	Netty Schneider
13th	Mary Garlough
	Cathy Paarmann
	Barry Anderson
15th	Jackson Butler
16th	Ryne Hoepner
	Sheryl Brommelkamp
18th	Jason Hill
19th	Lorelei Johns
	Duane Hansen
	Paul Garrity
	Joey Spain
	Tasha Becker
21st	Betsy Henningsen
23rd	Denise Wold
	Mason Lawrence
	Larry Oronzio Jr.
24th	Isaiah Sunday
25th	Cody Baines
26th	Heather Mork
	Jared Paarmann
27th	Ben Alger
29th	Cindy Sperry
	Roger Kaufman
	Kris Walther
	Darlene Johnson
30th	Ronnie Peters
	Jared Wold
31st	Jeremy Spain
	Zanyel Barys



1st	Marc & Kelly Thumann
	Mark & Jacqueline Jacobsen
4th	Troy & Tiffany Paarmann
5th	Ken & Judy Hartmann
6h	Dylan & Shannon Jans
	Scott & Jennifer Miller
12th	Steven & Karen Theisen
	Kivian & Theresa Eschbach
13th	Ron & Diane McVey
18th	Michael & Rachael Vopatek
20th	Wade & Patricia Niemann
21st	Gerald & Sala Knipfer
27th	Robert & Marjorie Paasch
29th	John & Jill Gisel

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church - October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 8:00amTraditional Worship 9:15amSunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30amTraditional Worship	28 6:00pmBoard of Christian Education	29 Preschool Fall Pictures	30 Preschool Fall Pictures 5:30pmConfirmation 7:00pmGrace Choir 7:00pmHigh School Bible Study	1 9:00amTops Meeting 9:30amStay Active Senior Exercise Group	2	3
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