Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

News & Notes



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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE – November 8th – November 15th

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Setting: Divine Service, Setting 3, beginning on page 184

Hymns: 802 516 348

Readings: *Amos 5:18-24 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13*

Sermon: "Are You Ready?" – Matthew 25:13

Praying For: Allan Anderson, Brad Birtell, Dick Block, David Edens, Betsy Henningsen, Mary Krapl, Matthew Soenksen, Maribeth Penningroth, Barb Billhorn, Barb Wold, and Roger Crosthwaite.

Prayer for Rev. James Sharp and Family - *Lord, we lift up Rev. James Sharp and his family. Guide them with wisdom and peace as he prayerfully considers the Calls before him. May Your Spirit lead and Your will be done. Amen.*

CALENDAR

11/8/2026	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship
	9:15 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship
11/9/2026	7:00 PM	Voter's Meeting
11/11/2026	7:00 AM	Board of Finance Meeting
	9:00 AM	Sewing Ladies
	5:30 PM	Confirmation
	6:30 PM	Grace Choir
	7:00 PM	Cantata Practice
11/12/2026	9:00 AM	Tops Meeting
	9:30 AM	Stay Active Senior Exercise Group
11/14/2026	5:00 PM	Girls Night @ Grace Camp
11/15/2026		Newsletter Deadline
	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship w/Communion
	9:15 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship/Communion
	4:00 PM	Middle School Youth Group

Thank you so much for the cards and gifts you gave to me for Pastor Appreciation Month. Your notes in the cards were especially touching to me. I have felt the love you have for me each week as I make my way home from services, and I will carry you all with me for the rest of my life. At some point, we will part company as a new pastor comes to lead you, and for me it will be bittersweet.

God's blessings to each and every one of you, Pastor Merle

The 2027 Flower Calendar is now available on the Welcome Center. Each bouquet costs $35. Payment can be left in the office door slot.

Gifts, Tithes & Offerings for 11/1//2026. To fully fund the church budget, we need $7,929.00 per week.

Weekly Offering $ 9,584.00

Attendance for the week of 11/1/2026

Sunday Worship

8:00 am	104
10:30 am	43
Total	**147**

Sunday School Attendance – 11/1/2026 - 20

Those in Service

Sunday, November 8th

8:00 a.m. Service
Pastor Merle Warnsholz
Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Clint Albrecht
Acolyte: James Gruntorad

10:30 a.m. Service
Pastor Merle Warnsholz
Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Scott Steffens
Acolyte: Ryleigh Spain

Sunday, November 15th

8:00 a.m. Service
Pastor Merle Warnsholz
Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Clint Albrecht
Acolyte: Collin Oliver & Lucy Oliver

10:30 a.m. Service
Pastor Merle Warnsholz
Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Scott Steffens
Acolyte: Dennis Wold



Join Us in Celebration

Please join us on
Sunday, November 15, 2026 to honor
Jean Passig's 90th birthday!

Stop by 1301 Maynard Way, DeWitt, IA
anytime between
1:30 PM and 3:30 PM.

Your presence is the greatest gift — no gifts, please.

Voter's Meeting

Monday, November 9th @ 7:00 pm – This meeting will focus on approving the 2027 budget and electing Board Members. (Copies of the proposed budget are on the Welcome Center.)

Help Us Reach Our Goal!

Grace Lutheran Church is participating in **Operation Christmas Child** once again! Our goal this year is to send **100 traditional and online shoeboxes** to children around the world, sharing God's love and the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Pick up a shoebox and sign up for your boy/girl selection on the bulletin board in the church foyer, or build a shoebox online!

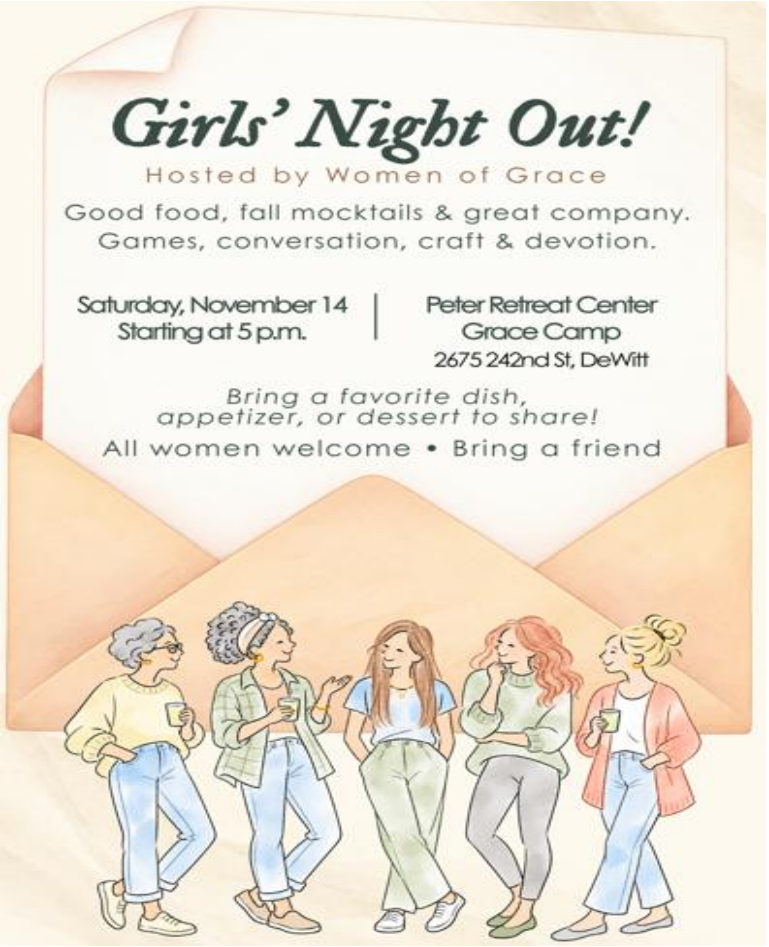
Current Goal Status
Shoebox Goal: 100
Traditional Boxes Taken: 61
Online Shoeboxes Built: 5

Monetary Donation Goal: $1,600
Donations Received: $690

There are several ways you can help us reach our goal! Fill a shoebox, build one online, or place a monetary donation in the wooden mission box in the foyer. Monetary donations help cover shipping costs ($10 per box) and Gospel lessons ($6 per child).

All shoeboxes must be returned by Nov. 15th.
Thank you for helping Grace Lutheran share God's love, one shoebox at a time!

CHANGES in Offering Envelopes for 2027—It is that time of year again when I prepare the 2027 Offering Envelope list. In order to assist me in creating an accurate list of those members who need envelopes, I need your assistance. On the Welcome Center is a form. If you currently have envelopes but no longer need them, or if you do not have envelopes and would like them I need to know. Please take a moment to write your name on the form and indicate your desired change with a check mark. I will use this information when assigning envelopes. Envelope changes need to be done on or before November 23rd. **[Please Note: You only need to complete the form if you are making a change or want to be added to the envelope list.]**



Victory Center Service Event Thursday, November 19th

We're excited to share that our next **Victory Center Service Event** is coming up on **Thursday, November 19th**! This time, we'll be serving comforting **soup** to our guests, along with delicious sides and desserts.

If you can contribute, whether by cooking, baking, or lending a hand, your generosity will make a big difference. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

Poinsettias for Christmas

Help Us Decorate Our Sanctuary for Christmas!

Poinsettias add a beautiful touch of Christmas cheer to our Sanctuary as we celebrate the birth of our Savior! If you would like to place a poinsettia in **Honor of** or **Memory of** someone special, we invite you to participate.

- **Cost:** $10.50 per poinsettia
- **Order Forms:** Available at the Welcome Center
- **Payment:** Please place your completed order form and payment in the Secretary's door.
- **Deadline: November 29th**

Thank you for helping make our Sanctuary beautiful as we celebrate the joy and blessings of Christmas!