

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

News & Notes

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE - December 14th— December 21st

The Third Sunday in Advent

Setting: Divine Service, Setting 4 beginning on page 203

Hymns: 338 331 354

Readings: *Isaiah 35:1-10 James 5:7-11 Matthew 11:2-12*

Sermon: "Gladness and Joy" - Isaiah 35:10

Praying for: Allen Anderson, Brad Birtell, Dick Block, Elaine Schoening, David Edens, and Andrew Gisell.

Gifts, Tithes & Offerings for 12/7/2025
To fully fund our church budget we need \$7,481.00 per week.

	Amount
Simply Giving	\$ 866.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 50.00
Advent	\$ 1,180.00
Tithes & Offering	\$ 5,451.00
Total	\$ 7,547.00

Attendance for the week of 12/7/2025

Advent Services

11:00 am	23
7:00 pm	31

Sunday Worship

8:00 am	52
7:00 pm	53
Total	159

CALENDAR

12/14/2025	8:00 AM	Cantata
	9:15 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
	10:00 AM	Cantata @ Immanuel, Grand Mound
	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship
	3:00 PM	Children's Christmas Program
12/15/2025		Newsletter Deadline
	1:00 PM	500 Card Club
	6:30 PM	Camp Board Meeting
12/17/2025	11:00 AM	Advent Worship
	5:30 PM	Confirmation
	7:00 PM	Cantata
12/18/2025	9:00 AM	Tops Meeting in Grace Hall
	9:30 AM	Stay Active Senior Exercise Group
	4:00 PM	Victory Center Service Event
12/21/2025	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship w/Communion
	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship w/Communion

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The Christmas Chorale will be performing "Come & See, Go & Tell" Cantata for the community on Wednesday, December 17th at 7:00 pm at Grace. Come and listen again or for the first time and hear the Good News of the Savior's Birth!



Advent Worship
December 17th
11:00 am



Christmas Eve Worship
Candlelight Service
6:00 pm & 10:00 pm
Christmas Day Worship
9:00 am

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14th

8:00 a.m. Service

Cantata: Christmas Chorale
Elder: Clint Albrecht
Acolyte: Brody Lawrence

10:30 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Scott Steffens
Acolyte: Emmett Rickertsen

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17th

11:00 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Scott Steffens

7:00 p.m. Service

Elder: Aaron Meyers
Acolyte: Jaren Nebel

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21st

8:00 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Clint Albrecht
Acolyte: Collin Oliver

10:30 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Scott Steffens
Acolyte: Carter Paarmann

Victory Center—On December 18th we will be hosting our next service event at the Victory Center. We are needing people to provide meat/casserole dish (3), salads (2), desserts (2), and to help serve (1). If you can help with this, please sign your name on the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Center.

GRACE LUTHERAN SKI TRIP—Make plans to join us on Sunday, January 25th for an evening of fun on the slopes. We're heading to Sundown in Dubuque. **This is open to all Grace members.** Costs are: \$65 for ski rental, lift ticket & lesson; \$70 for Snowboard rental, lift ticket & lesson; or \$45 for lift ticket only. To register go to <https://sundownmtn.com> and navigate to the "More" Tab across the top of the page. Next select "Store" on the top bar of options. From there at the bottom of the next page will be a tile that says "EZ Groups", click on that. You will need the following code to register as part of our group: GLY26. All registrations and payment must be submitted by Sunday, January 18th. After that date the site will close and no further registrations will be accepted.

Offering Envelopes for 2026 are available in the foyer. Please, take a moment following services to pick up your box. Remember, do not use these envelopes until January!

Grace Endowment Fund

With December 31, 2025, approaching, it is a good time for everyone to review your financial position and make adjustments in preparation for Federal and State income taxes. Charitable contributions can reduce tax liabilities. The Endowment Committee is asking everyone to include the Endowment Fund in their year-end contributions. Each year the Endowment Committee receives requests for funds far exceeding the amount available. If the Endowment Fund grows, more money becomes available for distribution. This fund will provide income year after year for projects supporting missions, education, youth, worship, music and capital improvements that help our church run and grow.

Church Office Hours December/January

M-Th 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Fr 8:00 am to Noon

Office will be closed on:

December 24th, 25th, 26th & 31st
January 1st & 2nd

Looking for cards? We recently added Christmas Cards. There is also a variety of sympathy, thinking of you, get well, birthday cards, and much more available for purchase next to the Welcome Center. Please take a moment to see the wide assortment of cards and napkins displayed in the foyer.

Sunday School Christmas Program

Sunday, December 14th @ 3 pm

The Children's Program is at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 14th. All Children need to be in Grace Hall by 2:45 p.m.

Voter's Meeting to Place a Call
January 5th @ 7:00 pm

Annual Camp Board Meeting
Will follow the Voter's Meeting

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, instant potatoes, canned soup, toilet paper, canned vegetables, peanut butter, and Hamburger Helper. All donations can be left in the shopping cart located in the foyer.

Thank you to everyone who provided gifts for our Angel Tree this year. Your kindness and generosity is appreciated by everyone and their families.



THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD SERVICE

WHEN? TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026, 7PM

WHERE? TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, CLINTON, IA
(656 5TH AVE. S, CLINTON, IA 52732)

WHAT? EVENING PRAYER ON THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD