

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

News & Notes

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE - December 21st— December 28th

The Fourth Sunday in Advent

Setting: Divine Service, Setting 4 beginning on page 203

Hymns: 346 357 623 619 900

Readings: *Isaiah 7:10-17 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-25*

Sermon: "Trust in the Lord" - Matthew 1:20-21

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

Gifts, Tithes & Offerings for 12/14/2025
To fully fund our church budget we need \$7,481.00 per week.

	Amount
Simply Giving	\$ 1,536.00
Advent	\$ 1,270.00
Tithes & Offering	\$ 5,483.00
Total	\$ 8,289.00

Attendance for the week of 12/14/2025

Advent Services

11:00 am	35
7:00 pm	22

Sunday Worship

8:00 am	134
10:30 am	44

Christmas Program

3:00 pm	119
Total	354

Christmas Eve Worship

Candlelight Service

6:00 pm & 10:00 pm

Christmas Day Worship

9:00 am



CALENDAR

12/21/2025	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship w/Communion
	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship w/Communion
12/22/2025		No Preschool
12/23/2025		No Preschool
12/24/2025		No Preschool/Office Closed
	6:00 PM	Christmas Eve Worship—Candlelight
	10:00 PM	Christmas Eve Worship—Candlelight
12/25/2025		No Preschool/Office Closed
	9:00 AM	Christmas Worship
12/26/2025		No Preschool/Office Closed
12/28/2025	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship
	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship

Office will be closed on:

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



Altar flowers were given by Jill Gisel in honor of John's 70th Birthday.

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

Annual Camp Board Meeting
Will follow the Voter's Meeting

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!

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24th

6:00 p.m. Service

Organist: Tasha Becker
Elder: Aaron Meyers
Acolyte: Kennick Meyer

10:00 p.m. Service

Organist: Tasha Becker
Elder: Clint Albrecht
Acolyte: Brynlee Dies

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25th

9:00 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Paul Kirby
Acolyte: Adelynn Williams

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28th

8:00 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Clint Albrecht
Acolyte: Ryeigh Spain

10:30 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Scott Steffens
Acolyte: Dennis Wold

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.

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.

Women of Grace

UPCOMING EVENTS

<p style="text-align: center; color: #800000; font-weight: bold;">ONGOING</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: #800000; font-style: italic;">Women's Bible Study</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center; color: #800000; font-weight: bold;">SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:15 ENJOY COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP AS WE EXPLORE "PROMISED HOPE"</p>	<p style="text-align: center; color: #800000; font-weight: bold;">JANUARY 22ND</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: #800000; font-style: italic;">Women Wine and the Word</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center; color: #800000; font-weight: bold;">6:30PM THE VARSITY TAP UPSTAIRS LOUNGE AN EVENING OF FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHER WOMEN!</p>	<p style="text-align: center; color: #800000; font-weight: bold;">APRIL 25TH</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: #800000; font-style: italic;">Women's Retreat</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center; color: #800000; font-weight: bold;">SAVE THE DATE FOR A WOMEN'S RETREAT AT GRACE CAMP! DETAILS COMING SOON!</p>
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For questions or to suggest event ideas, call or text Rachael at 563-593-2393

Victory Center—Our next service event meal at the Victory Center in Clinton will be held on January 15th. We need volunteers to bring sub buns, shredded cheese, dessert, side dishes, and volunteers to help serve. A sign-up sheet is located on the Welcome Center.

Please join us on January 4th after late service to help us take down the Christmas decorations.

The 2026 Altar Flower Book is available. To sign up please see the Altar Flower book located on the Welcome Center. Bouquets can be donated in honor of or memory of persons or events. Each bouquet is \$30 and there are 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 EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD SERVICE

WHEN? TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026, 7PM

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

WHAT? EVENING PRAYER ON THE EPIPHANY OF
OUR LORD

