

# Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

## News & Notes

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### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE – March 29<sup>th</sup> – April 5<sup>th</sup>

#### The Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

**Hymns:** 442 443 441 619 444

**Readings:** *Isiah 50:4-9a* *Philippians 2:5-11* *John 12:12-24*

**Sermon:** “A Reason to Greet Him”

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

## CALENDAR

- 3/29/2026 8:00 AM Traditional Worship w/Communion
- 8:30 AM Pancake Breakfast
- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Traditional Worship w/Communion
- 4/2/2026 9:00 AM Tops Meeting
- 9:30 AM Stay Active Senior Exercise Group
- 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday w/Communion
- 4/3/2026 Church Office Closed
- No Preschool
- 7:00 PM Good Friday Worship
- 4/5/2026 "Mites" Sunday
- RaiseRight Orders Due
- 8:00 AM Easter Worship w/Communion
- 10:00 AM Easter Worship w/Communion

### Today!!! Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast

**March 29<sup>th</sup> – 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.

**Grace Camp Spring Cleaning –** Join us at **Grace Camp** on **Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 8–11 AM** for a morning of fresh air, fellowship, and tidying up! Bring gloves, a smile, and any helping hands you can. **All help is appreciated** as we get the camp ready for the season. See you there!

Gifts, Tithes & Offerings for 3/22/2026. To fully fund the church budget, we need \$7,929.00 per week.

	Amount
Simply Giving	\$ 1,451.00
Lenten Services	\$ 974.00
Tithes & Offerings	\$ 6,264.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,689.00</b>

#### Attendance for the week of 3/22/2026

<b>Wednesday</b>	
11:00 am	27
7:00 pm	36
<b>Sunday Worship</b>	
8:00 am	78
10:30 am	76
<b>Total</b>	<b>197</b>

#### Those in Service Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>

##### 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

#### Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

##### 7:00 p.m. Service

**Pastor Kent Umbarger**

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Scott Steffens

#### Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

##### 7:00 p.m. Service

**Pastor Kent Umbarger**

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Clint Albrecht

#### Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

##### 8:00 a.m. Service

**Pastor Kent Umbarger**

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Clint Albrecht

Acolyte: Carter Paarmann & Brady Dies

##### 10:00 a.m. Service

**Pastor Kent Umbarger**

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Scott Steffens

Acolyte: Jaren Nebel & Collin Oliver



**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

It is time to renew our subscription for the Lutheran Witness. **THE LUTHERAN WITNESS** is an inspirational monthly magazine featuring synodical news. Lutheran reports from around the world, eye-opening theology, and more!

The subscription rate is \$20.50 per year. If you would like to subscribe to the Lutheran Witness, or if you already subscribe and wish to renew, please contact the church office by April 26th. Payment may be dropped off or mailed to the church office at PO Box 156, DeWitt, IA 52742.

 **RaiseRight**  
GIFT CARD PROGRAM



**Youth Fundraiser  
Order Due April 5<sup>th</sup>**

Order forms are located on the  
Welcome Center.

Mark your calendar for our May Voter's Meeting! Please join us on Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm. The agenda includes Board Reports and the approval of the 26/27 Preschool Budget.

**Referral Center Donations**

We continue to collect monthly donations for the Referral Center as the need is great. The referral center can always use ketchup, kid-friendly cereal, canned fruits and vegetables, peanut butter, shampoo, and toothpaste. All donations can be left in the shopping cart located in the foyer.

**Victory Center**

Our next service event meal at the Victory Center in Clinton will be held on April 16<sup>th</sup>. We need volunteers to provide meat dish/casserole, desserts, side dishes, milk, and five people to help deliver and serve the meal. Please sign up at the Welcome Center.



*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

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
APRIL 2026

**Mission  
SPOTLIGHT**

**SUMMER LUNCH  
BOX PROGRAM**

**What is the mission?**

The Summer Lunchbox Program helps provide food for children in the Central DeWitt Community School District during the summer months when school meals are not available.

**Who does it serve?**

Families in our community who need extra support during summer break. Volunteers from our church and community assemble grocery bags multiple times during the summer filled with kid-friendly food and vouchers for fresh items like milk, eggs, produce, and deli products.

**How can you help?**

During the month of April, we will be collecting financial donations to purchase needed groceries and supplies. Monetary donations can be placed in the little white church located in the narthex. Additionally, volunteers will be needed to pack bags during the summer. In the coming weeks, a QR code will be shared to make food donations ordered through Amazon.

Together, we can make sure every child in our community has access to nourishing meals throughout the summer.