

Grace News

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September 2025

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod - LCMS Stewardship Ministry —September

Work and Keep

“The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it” (Genesis 2:15).

Genesis chapters one and two are familiar to us. We know them best as the Creation Account. Chapter one is where we hear the familiar, “let there be...and there was” directives. Chapter two gives us the account of Adam (the man) being formed from the “Adamah” (the dust) and becoming a living being when he receives the breath of life in his nostrils. Because of this, it would be quite easy to simply lump these two chapters into the category of creation accounts.

But do not be too hasty in this! While these two chapters do faithfully relate to us the account of creation, they also give us the creation of the “office” of steward. The man, created in the image of God in Genesis 1 and formed from the dust in Genesis 2, is created for a distinct purpose. He is created to be a steward of the perfect and beautiful creation that the Lord has made! In fact, this is THE reason that man was made. He — and we — were created in the image of God to be stewards of God’s creation.

This purpose is spelled out in verse 15 of Genesis 2. The steward has one job, with two purposes. It is fitting that in the month that our nation marks Labor Day, we consider the task of steward. The first purpose of the job of steward is to work. The steward is the caretaker of the Garden. Being a steward is work! Before the fall into sin, this was not an onerous task. But it was an active thing.

Imagine being a farmer in the Garden of Eden! Work would be only harvest. No plowing. No planting. No cultivating. No weeding. The perfect garden that the Lord had made would simply produce automatically to provide for man, woman, and all living beings!

But there is a second task in verse fifteen. The word “keep” is not just a synonym for work. This second task is related to defending. This garden, holy by virtue of its being called into existence by a holy God, needed to be defended. Here is where the vocation of steward becomes priestly. The steward was to defend the perfect and holy garden from that which was unholy. Later in the Old Testament, this was the task of the priests in the tabernacle and temple. They were to defend with their lives the Holy of Holies. This too is the labor of stewardship. It is a labor that calls the steward to be willing to put the garden before life!

Stewardship was always work. It only got burdensome after the original steward, Adam, failed to defend the garden from the alien word of the serpent. But this was not a failure of harvest. It was a failure to defend the garden! As a result, all work that followed that failure became burdensome.

The steward failed but was never fired. That is why we have such an issue with stewardship to this day. We continue to live out a pre-fall vocation in a fallen world as failed stewards. That is why we in the church need to be reminded of our vocational call to be stewards. We so easily forget that this world is not ours to do with as we please. Nothing is ours. We are but stewards entrusted with managing the creation for the glory of God and the benefit of the neighbor.

It is a daunting task. But it is the one to which we have been called. We cannot do it on our own. Apart from the grace of God shared with us through Jesus, we would be burdened to the point of temporal and eternal death. But the Holy Spirit calls us by the Gospel! This Gospel connects us to the fertile garden of Christ’s Work on our behalf. Now we are stewards

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SERVING THIS MONTH:

The Elders: Sunday's 8:00 AM Clint Albrecht
10:00 AM Scott Havener &
Lucas Rickertsen

The Organist: Diana Baetke

The Acolytes

September 7

8:00 AM Brady Dies
10:30 AM Leo Hill

September 14

10:00 AM Cade Converse & Kitt Converse

September 21

8:00 AM Ava Johnson
10:30 AM Cameron Miller

September 28

8:00 AM Larry Oronzio
10:30 AM Austin Nolin



Fall Worship Times begin Sunday, September 7th.

Sunday Worship

8:00 AM @ Grace Church

10:30 AM @ Grace Church

Sunday, Sept. 14th - One Service @ 10:00am

Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

Sunday, September 21st @ 9:15 a.m.



Join Us!

For Our 100 Year Celebration!

Sunday, September 14th
10:00 am for a Worship Service

Celebration meal to follow in Grace Hall

Members are asked to bring a side dish
according to their last name.

Vegetables (A-J)
Salads (K-Z)

Each dish should serve at least 15 people.
Main dish and dessert will be provided.

Special Gifts Given Include:

In loving memory of Steve Garlough \$350 was given to Grace Camp for fish to restock the pond, \$10 towards the Camp kitchen fund, \$155 to Grace Preschool, and \$25 to Grace Choir.

In loving memory of Debra Tompkins \$25 was given to the Sewing Ladies of Grace.

In honor of Ray and Irene Myers anniversary \$100 was given to the Grace Lutheran 100 Year Celebration.

In loving memory of Jim Harroun \$45 was given to Grace Preschool and \$50 was given to Grace Church.

In loving memory of Madonna Gannon \$20 was given to Grace Preschool.

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of that grace! The Holy Spirit works this in and through us today and every day.

This is the work of the church. It is also the work of the individual steward. The Lord has placed us in the "garden" with the same twofold purpose: work and keep! Enjoy your labor. For in the Lord, our labor is never in vain!

In Memory Of:

James Harroun, 83, of DeWitt, Iowa, died Saturday, August 9, 2025, in his home.

James Wayne Harroun was born August 31, 1941, in Davenport to John and Theresa (Ewoldt) Harroun. After graduating high school, he enlisted in the United States Army.

Jim married Sharon Reed, adopting her son, Wade, and together they had a son, Bryan. He later married Kathryn Lavon Munden on April 19, 1974, in Stockton, Iowa. Kathryn preceded him in death on May 29, 2009. On June 26, 2010, he married Charlotte Louise Knutson-Nothdorf, who passed away May 1, 2025. Jim worked for many years as an automotive mechanic and truck driver, retiring after a long career. He enjoyed fishing and woodworking.

Surviving are his children, Bryan Harroun and Wade Harroun; stepchildren, Jill (John) Gisel and Mark (Michele) Nothdorf; step-daughter-in-law, Linda Nothdorf; grandchildren, and step-grandchildren; in-laws, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wives, Kathryn, and Charlotte; stepson, Scott Nothdorf; siblings, John Harroun and Marlene Linder; and sister-in-law, Charlene (Kenny) Paarmann.

Greeters and Ushers are Needed

Greeters are needed to help welcome members and guests before worship services.

Please, look at the sign-up sheet on the Welcome center and sign up for a date that works for you.

Preschool will be holding a fundraiser in October. We will once again be selling cookie decorating kits from Sweetheart Bakery in Clinton. These fall cookie kits are a wonderful way spend time with your children, decorate cookies together, not to mention you get a wonderful treat to eat after. Please watch your October Newsletter for more information. Thank you for your continued support of Grace Preschool.

IMPORTANT - Deadline for submitting articles for the October newsletter is September 15th.



LWML will be collecting MITES on Sunday, September 7th. If you would like to help support the LCMS with their mission projects you can place your donation inside the box located in the Narthex. Thank you for your support of LWML and the missions of the LCMS.

The **Sewing Ladies** are needing donations of sheets, any size, which will be used to make quilts. Donations can be left on the stage in Grace Hall.

LWML is collecting items to complete School Kits for Lutheran World Relief. They are requesting, blunt safety scissors, #2 pencils (unsharpened), pencil sharpeners, notebooks, and blue/black ballpoint ink pens (no gel), and 16 or 24 package of crayons. Donations can be left on the table in the foyer.

The 2025 Altar Flower calendar is now available on the Welcome Center.

Bouquets can be donated in honor of or in 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 following bouquet dates are available:

October 12th, 19th
November 2nd, 9th, 23rd, 30th
December 14th

We hope that we have flowers every week, but we know that there are Sundays when the arrangements have not been spoken for. It is these Sundays when you will not see arrangements on the altar. To assist the church in having arrangements every Sunday 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.

***** Remember** we can only provide flowers when there is money in this fund. If you do not see flowers on Sunday that means they were not sign up for and the Flower Fund does not have money in it.



September 18th Victory Center Service Event

Once again, thank you to everyone who contributed to the meal, helped serve and prayed for our August service event at the Victory Center in Clinton. Our next service event meal will be on September 18th. We are planning to serve up to 40 people and allow for seconds. If you haven't volunteered to help with some part of one of these meals, please prayerfully consider being involved in some way. Men are encouraged to join us in this mission, especially with serving the meal.

All food needs to be prepared and brought to the church by 4:00 PM on Thursday, September 18th.

Main Dish 4 Volunteers

To prepare 3lbs of maid-rites. (Bring hot in a crockpot so food can stay warm.)

Drinks Drinks 2 Volunteers:

- 1 gallon of white milk
- 2 gallons of chocolate milk

Desserts 3 Volunteers

Prepare a dessert that serves 15 people.

Buns 2 Volunteers: Bring 24 buns each.

Salads 4 Volunteers Prepare a salad that serves 15 people.

Deliver & Serve 5 Volunteers

Needed to help deliver and serve the meal. We meet at Grace at 4 pm.
Meal is served at 5pm

A sign up sheet is located on the Welcome Center. Please contact Kristy Engelkes at 563-210-2462 or the church office if you have any questions



The 2025/2026 Preschool Year has started. On Wednesday, August 27th we welcomed a new class of 4-year-olds and look forward to September 2nd when our 3-year-olds class will start.



The 4's Preschool students will be working on five cycles of letters during the school year. During the first cycle they will focus on the most common letters found in their names. The students will learn the letter sounds and make the letters with wood pieces. The themes for this month are Welcome to Preschool, All About Me, Feelings, Senses, and Apples.



The 3-year-old class will be talking about what going to school means & friendship. They will be learning about

germs and the human body, and a popular theme of farming! During Jesus group time we are learning a preschool prayer and what it means to pray. The Bible stories this month are loved by all the kids, the stories of the beginning, Adam & Eve and Noah's Ark. We've had a great start to our year so far!

During the open house we welcomed 31 children and their families into our classrooms. The children had fun exploring their classrooms and meeting their teachers.

Support Preschool -Purchase Gift Cards

Would you like to support Grace Lutheran Preschool? There is no easier way then to grab a gift card from Walmart, Kwik Star or Target. These gift cards will be used to purchase snacks and supplies for the little ones attending our Preschool.



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Sunday Morning BIBLE STUDY

BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st @ 9:15 AM

"God Connects"

Everyone at some point, asks the question, "God are You there?" It can come at moments of reflection or in times of deep despair. "God, if You are there, why don't You show Yourself to me?" In this confusing world where authenticity is so elusive, it sometimes seems like we cannot connect to God.

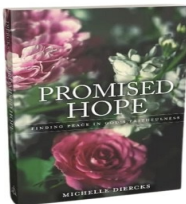
On our own we cannot connect to God, but the good news is that God connects with us. He has been doing this from the beginning in amazing ways. This Bible Class will share the story of how God connects with us.

Women's Bible Study



Sunday mornings at 9:15am,
starting September 21st
at Grace Church

Join us for coffee, fellowship &
a study of "Promised Hope" with
the author, Michelle Diercks.



Glory Bound Choir is Back!

If you've been wanting to....if you've been thinking about it....NOW is the time to give it a try!

Our first rehearsal will be in the church basement on Wednesday, September 10th, at 7:00 p.m. in the

Come join in on the FUN while we sing to God's glory!

Concordia Students: Concordia University Students will be visiting us September 12-14. We are asking for donations of fruit, cereal, chips, water, milk, cookies, and breakfast items. Please, look at the sign-up sheets located on the table in the foyer. We ask that all items be at church by Thursday, September 11th at Noon.



**Round Up @
Randy's
for Grace Camp**

**September
22nd-28th**



Sunday School

Begins Sunday, September 21st

9:15 am to 10:15 am

Children 3yrs - 12th Grade

Register online - gracedewitt.org

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Sunday School Program 2023-2024 Teaching Staff

Grade	Teacher	Room
3 & 4 Year old children	Hattie Rickertsen & Amelia Rickertsen	Room 28 (upstairs)
Kindergarten & 2nd Grade	Grace Burzlaff & Ella Sunday	Room 30 (upstairs)
3rd & 5th Grade	Jill Gisell & Ashlie Oronzio	Room 24 (upstairs)
6th - 8th Grade	Donovan Good	Meeting Rm #2 (upstairs)
High School Program:		
9th -12th Grade	Mark Sperry, DCE	Mark's Office
Confirmation Class		
6th Grade	Barry & Kristy Engelkes	Meeting Room #1 (downstairs)
7th & 8th Grade	Mark Sperry, DCE	Grace Hall

Parent Reminders and New Safety Measures:

1. Sunday School begins at 9:15 a.m. and ends at 10:15 a.m.
2. Children are to be in their classrooms no earlier than 9:10 a.m.
3. In order to insure the safety of the children in Sunday school we will be requiring parents to pick up their child/ children from their classrooms. Our teachers will NOT be able to release any child from class until a parent is present.

If you have any questions on any of these reminders or procedures please, contact the church office.

Registration for Sunday school and 6th-8th Grade Confirmation is now open. Please, log onto www.gracedewitt.org and click on the register button at the bottom of the information page.

All Children 3-years (must be potty trained) through 8th grade are invited to attend Sunday School. Sunday School begins on Sunday, September 7th at 9:15 am.

If your have a child attending Confirmation & Sunday School you must complete both registrations.

Substitute Teachers Needed

Do you have time to volunteer on Sunday morning? There may be a time on a Sunday that one of our teachers is unable to be at Sunday school. We are looking to add a few more contacts to our Sunday School sub list. If you are interested in being a sub on a Sunday, please contact Kerry or Mark at the church office.

On Monday, August 18th the Voter's meet to discuss the Call process and vote to extend a call. After discussion, the Voter's unanimously approved extending a call to Rev. Andrew Ratcliffe, from Perham, MN. We lift up Rev. Ratcliffe, his family, and the congregation of St. Paul's Lutheran, as he prayerfully considers his two Calls. We pray that both congregations take comfort in knowing the God has a plan for us all.



CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Classes begin Wednesday, September 3rd. We meet from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm each Wednesday here at church. If you have a student in 6th, 7th or 8th grades, please contact the church office to get them registered.

SENIOR HIGH BIBLE STUDY

Attention all 9th through 12th graders. Our Midweek Bible study begins **September 10th @ 7:00 pm** at the Sperry's home. Our address is 1315 Maple Wood Court here in DeWitt. We look forward to welcoming you into our home.

SENIOR HIGH DISTRICT GATHERING

The Iowa District West sponsored youth gathering will be held November 21st-23rd in Des Moines. This is open to all 9th-12th graders. Registration forms are available now. Please stop by Mr. Sperry's office to pick one up. The cost per person is **\$250**, which covers four meals, two nights' lodging, a t-shirt and all programming costs. Completed forms and payment are due by September 14th. Please contact DCE Mark Sperry if you have any questions.



Thank you to everyone for the prayers, calls, cards, text messages, and memorials to Grace Camp, Glory Bound Choir, and Grace Preschool in memory of our brother/uncle Steve Garlough. It means a lot to us to have such a loving and caring church family. Love, Mary Garlough and Christine & Paul Greve



What an amazing June and July in the kitchen at Grace Camp! THANK YOU to ALL who helped in the kitchen for Summer Night Out (SNO), Vacation Bible School (VBS) and Summer Camp (# 41)!

Thank you to everyone who donated food for VBS and Summer Camp.

It takes a lot of hands in the kitchen (and at the grill) to prepare the food, set up to serve the food, serve the food and then do dishes and clean up afterwards! It's many pans/bowls/utensils/etc. It gets HOT in the camp kitchen, but the 'cooks' continue on without complaint! (Okay, maybe a few complaints!) Thank you to those who got up early and came out on Tuesday and Wednesday morning of Summer Camp to get ready for breakfast! And to Barb & Allison for staying late to provide cookies for the campers! The campers really enjoy the homemade cookies!!

And yes, the 'rumor' is true...I will be stepping down as the 'kitchen queen' in 4 years (that will be Summer Camp #45 and I will be... 4 years older)! I will continue to help with SNO, VBS, and Summer Camp, just not in the planning and pre-preparation stages. So...please pray fully consider being the one (or ones) to take on this awesome task of serving God by serving the kids!! It really is rewarding... just ask anyone who has been in the kitchen!

Again – thank you to everyone who helped in any way!! You are amazingly AWESOME!! Mary Garlough



I would like to thank you so much for the kind words, cards and love at the loss of our wife and Mother, Charlotte Harroun. She is truly missed. She was such a special person and is now with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are able to find comfort in the knowledge that we will see her again. I want to thank you also for all you do for me with my limitations. My church family is truly a Blessing to me. Thank you again. God Bless each one of you!



Looking for cards? There is 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.

MILES OF DIMES - Grace Camp was purchased in 1988. The Miles of Dimes project was started in 1990 as an effort to help pay for the facilities which everyone enjoys. There is a "Miles of Dimes" collection jar located on the Welcome Center. Leave your "dimes" or any donation you may want to make and your donation will be used to benefit the camp facilities. Thank you for your continued support.

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, Ramen noodles, canned fruit, canned vegetables, toothpaste, and shampoo. All donations can be left in the shopping cart located in the foyer.



♥ Happy Anniversary ♥

2nd Allan & Sandy Anderson
 Randy & Danette LaBarge
 10th Jeff & Cheryl Housman
 14th Roger & Cheryl Kaufman
 15th Lukasz & Kindra Barys
 Jason & Angie Hill
 18th T.J. & Hollie Appleby
 21st Chad & Michelle Tobey
 22nd Jerry & Tammy Mickelson
 25th Steven & Denise Smith
 28th Todd & Coleen Hughes
 30th Ronald & Donna Steward

2 nd	Todd McWilliams	21 st	Shirley Garrity
4 th	Fred Thiede		David Wold
5 th	Jenny Kreiter		Karley Erps
7 th	Joyce Henningsen		Cindy Koeppel
9 th	Harlan Jans	22 nd	Ashlyn Appleby
11 th	Kyle Pillers	23 rd	Marjorie Paasch
	Joellyn McDonnell		Carleigh Tobey
12 th	Steven Smith	25 th	Deb Lange
	Kati Garrity	26 th	Wayne Grantz
	Samuel Stowe	27 th	Vallene Olson
13 th	Michele Gruntorad		Carson Tobey
	James Gruntorad	28 th	Eric Vetter
	Abigail Jensen		Trevor McMahon
	Madeline Johnson		Jennifer Thiede
	Porter Vopatek		Priya Dahl
14 th	David Thomas	29 th	Karen Kuehl
15 th	Larry Mork		Faye Jans
	Elaine Schoening	30 th	Cathy Ingwersen
18 th	Myrna Hass		Jessica Sunday
	Joshua Dahl		
20 th	Steven Schatz		

Board Members Needed for 2026

September is the time of year when all Church Boards begin to look for new members. We have many boards that provide support to the church. How can you help? Take a moment to prayerfully consider using your time and talent to assist the church. Below you will find a list of boards and a brief description of what each board and the responsibilities of the board.

Board of Elders - The Board of Elders, assists the Pastoral office. They concern themselves with the spiritual life of the congregation, supervision of public worship, spiritual care of the congregation, church discipline, and care for the wellness of the Called Leadership Team and their families. Some of the responsibilities of an Elder include assisting with the distribution of the Lord's Supper; directing the activities of ushers and acolytes during services; and help with collecting and securing the offering after the worship services. If you would like more information or want to serve on the Board of Elders please, contact Clint Albrecht 563-940-1982. or clintalb@gmail.com.

Board of Finance - The Board of Finance oversees the financial procedures of Grace Lutheran Church to ensure their continuity and to continually increase their capacity to successfully execute the mission of the Congregation. Some of the responsibilities of being on the Board of Finance include training and overseeing the Counting Teams; gathering the budget information; managing the budget process; overseeing the accounting, recording, and depositing procedures for tithes and offerings; and providing financial stewardship education and motivation towards tithes and offerings.

Board of Trustees - The Board of Trustees shall be charged with the oversight, appearance, and maintenance of the church property. Some of the responsibilities of the Board of Trustees include maintenance of the church and property; monthly fire extinguisher inspections; changing filters; and making sure equipment is maintained and inspected.

Board of Christian Ed - The Board of Christian Education strives to offer fun and engaging educational opportunities to share the Gospel with all congregation members. Some of the responsibilities of the Board of Christian Ed include, working with called staff to select curriculum to be used in Sunday school and for Vacation Bible School; helping to organize volunteers to

support Sunday school, VBS, Children's Christmas Program and Club345; coordinate the nursery roll program; work with called staff to ensure opportunities for adult Education and/or small group Bible studies; and encourage others to get involved in the education opportunities provided.

Board of Youth - The Youth Board, assists the called Youth Ministry Leader(s) and concerns themselves with the spiritual life of the youth. The Board of Youth is responsible for guiding the Youth Ministry in such a way that the needs of the Congregation are adequately served; developing, maintaining, and actively being involved with and regularly evaluating a system of ministry for all youth of the congregation to care for them; and enlist the youth in the mission and ministry of the Congregation.

Board of Outreach - The Board of Outreach shall encourage good stewardship practices, encourage members to use their time and talents for service in the mission and ministry of this congregation, and assist the members of the Congregation, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to be equipped to connect people with Jesus, our Savior. Some of the responsibilities of the Board of Outreach is to organize and promote OctoberFeast; share stewardship information with the congregation; encourage new members to become involved with the mission and ministry of the church; and develop, maintain, and oversee the mission outreach efforts of the church. Please, contact Traci Butler at 563-212-8013 if you need more information on this board or would like to join this board.

Board of Preschool - The Board of Preschool shall provide parents and their pre-school age children with opportunities to fulfill a child's spiritual, intellectual, emotional, social and physical needs. Responsibilities of the Preschool Board include, maintaining job description of the Preschool Director and teaching staff, employing or appointing other personnel as necessary; approve and revise Preschool Staff and Parent Handbooks and operating procedures; and develop, approve, and maintain a budget and regulate tuition amounts, and fees. If you would like more information about the Preschool Board or would like to be a new board member please, contact Kerry at 563-659-9153 or email kgood@gracedewitt.org.

JOIN US FOR FAMILY FUN!

HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT at Grace Lutheran Camp

OCTOBER 26 • 3:00 - 5:00PM

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US AS WE
TRUNK OR TREAT AROUND GRACE CAMP.




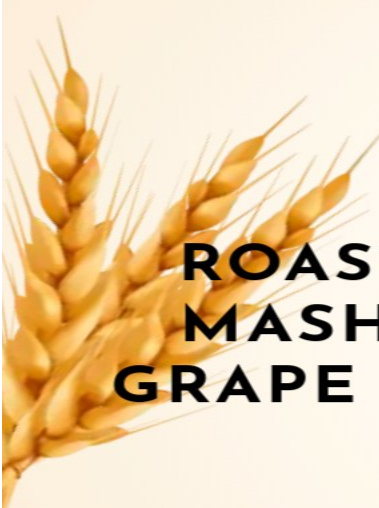


October Feast

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12th
3:30-7:00 PM

Menu

By Matthiesen's Catering



ROAST BEEF & PULLED PORK
MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY
GRAPE SALAD, BROCCOLI SALAD
CORN, ROLLS
DESSERT

Tickets in Advance:

Adult \$15

Children: 5-10 - \$5

Under 5 - Free

Tickets At The Door: Adult \$17

Carry Outs Available



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!

On behalf of the children, counselors and staff who attended Grace's **41st** Summer Camp, I wanted to say thank you and may God bless you for your service. Without all the help, donations and especially prayers, we couldn't do things like this. Grace is truly a loving and supportive congregation! **Thanks again, DCE Mark Sperry**

Landscaping Help

Please mark your calendar for September 7th at 1pm. We will be installing the new landscaping around the church and could use your help.

BIBLE PRESENTATION

Our 3rd graders will be presented with their Bibles on Sunday, September 28th. Please pray for these students and their families.

Mark Sperry, DCE

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Mark's Office Hours

M-Th - 7:00 am to 1:00 pm

Kerry Good

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Grace Lutheran Preschool

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Preschool Teacher/Director

Christine Greve

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Grace Lutheran Camp

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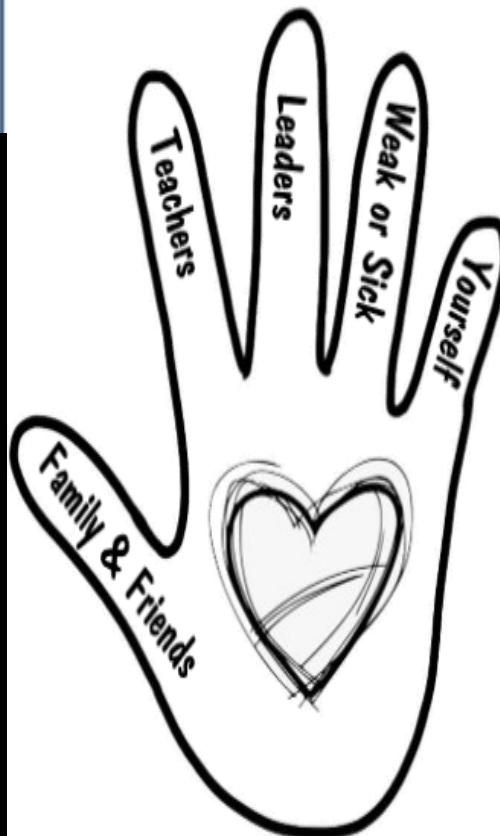
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Camp Reservations

camprentals@gracedewitt.org

319-230-7718

The 5 Finger Prayer



The 5 Finger Prayer

1. Your thumb is nearest to you...so begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you--family and friends.
2. Next is the pointer finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors and ministers.
3. The middle finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for government officials, administrators, and leaders in business and industry.
4. Our ring finger is our weakest finger. It should remind us to pray for those who are struggling, feel weak or are in need.
5. And lastly comes the pinky, the smallest finger of all, which should remind you to pray for yourself. When you are done praying for the other four groups, you will be able to see your own needs in a good perspective.

