Grace News

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M-Th - 8am to 3 pm
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November 2025

Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday, November 26th
7:00 pm

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The Christmas Chorale, including members of Grace and Immanuel Lutheran, Grand Mound proudly present, "***Come and See, Go and Tell!"*** which will be performed on Sunday, December 14th at 8:00 a.m. at Grace and 10:00 a.m. at Immanuel - Grand Mound. Know that this is your King, born to bring light and salvation to a people lost in darkness. Once we have seen, we can do nothing else but go and tell the Good News: the Savior is born! Plan to join us and let our new dynamic musical kick off your Christmas season!

SERVING THIS MONTH:

The Elders: Sunday's 8:00 AM Clint Albrecht
10:00 AM John Betz

The Organist: Diana Baetke

The Acolytes

November 2nd
8:00 AM Adelynn Williams & Ryleigh Spain
10:30 AM Kinley Albrecht

November 9th
8:00 AM Zanyel Barys
10:30 AM Gavin Birt & Brynlee Dies

November 16th
8:00 AM Collin Oliver
10:30 AM Brady Dies

November 23rd
8:00 AM Kitt Converse
10:30 AM Leo Hill

November 26th
7:00 PM Ava Johnson

November 30th
8:00 AM Cameron Miller
10:30 AM Larry Oronzio

IMPORTANT - Deadline for submitting articles for the December newsletter is November 15th.

Special Gifts Given Include:

In loving memory of Marilyn Mundt $490 was given to Grace Camp.

In loving memory of Liz Niemann $860 was given to Grace Camp and $850 to Grace Church.

In loving memory of Lucy Broadfoot $25 was given to Grace Preschool.

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.

LWML will be collecting MITES on Sunday, November 2nd. 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.

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.

Greeters Needed

Every Sunday we look forward to welcoming everyone to worship. Greeters play an important role in welcoming everyone who comes to church. As a greeter, you help guests form their first impression of Grace even before worship begins.

What is expected of you as a greeter? Greeters are asked to stand in the foyer, near the church office, and provide a smile, handshake and a friendly welcome to everyone who enters. It is always a good idea to introduce yourself to those you do not know, chances are if you don't them they probably don't know you. Consider introducing yourself along the lines of, "I don't think we've met. I'm ___."

When you show up to greet we ask that you write your name on the nametags located on the back of the Welcome Center. We feel this will help guests and members put a name to those greeting.

If you would like to sign up to be greeter the sign-up sheet is located on the Welcome Center.

Baptized on October 18, 2025— Cecilia Connie Robinson, daughter of James & Tammy Robinson was baptized on October 18th. Her baptismal sponsors are Tonya Lenz and Mathias Robinson.

All Saints' Sunday

The first Sunday in November is traditionally designated, by the church, as *All Saints' Sunday.* On this day, we do not *worship* the saints who have gone before us. Instead, we take this opportunity to thank our God for His great mercy in rescuing so many from the devil's grasp. We seek to learn from the example of Christian saints, to be inspired and energized by their perseverance and dedication.

A saint refers to anyone dead or alive who believes in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. Any such man, woman, or child is sinless in God's eyes, and therefore, a saint. God, the Father, has declared man-kind to be "not guilty" of sin. Christ's perfection is credited to us through faith, which is the literal and Scriptural understanding of a *saint;* it is what God means when He uses the word in the Bible.

On November 2nd, we will toll the church bell to remember those "Saints" who left this earth in the past year to be with the Lord in Heaven. We will toll the church bell in remembrance of the following:

✞ Dr. Elaine Doris Shelton ✞
(11-20-2024)

✞ Karen Elaine Kuehl ✞
(2-14-2025)

✞ Charlotte Louise Harroun ✞
(5-1-2025)

✞ James Wayne Harroun ✞
(8-9-2025)

✞ Marilyn Betty Mundt ✞
(9-10-2025)

✞ Milo Glenn Soenksen ✞
(2-13-2025)

✞ Christopher Lee Foote ✞
(3-2-2025)

✞ Lucille Elizabeth Broadfoot ✞
(6-11-2025)

✞ Elizabeth Martha Niemann ✞
(9-2-2025)

Donate your used glasses, including sunglasses and reading glasses, to the Lions Club. A collection box is located in the foyer coat area. These glasses are picked up by a member of the Lions and then sent to a facility who will refurbished for others who may not be able to afford glasses. (Please, re-member they can not accept glass cases.)

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.

DECORATE the Church

Join us on Sunday, November 30th, after late service, we will be decorating the church for Christmas.

GRACE EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

Christmas ANGEL TREE

PROVIDING CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED SO THEY'LL KNOW THE JOY THE CHRISTMAS SEASON BRINGS

TAKE A TAG TO BLESS A FAMILY

NOVEMBER 26 THROUGH DECEMBER 12

1-Take an angel from the tree. Write your name on the sign-up sheet.
2-Purchase your gift, approximate value of $25-$40
3-Wrap the gift and attach the angel tag. Place under the Christmas tree in the foyer.

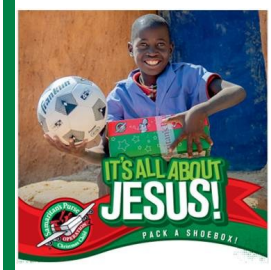
RETURN GIFT

NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 14

Thank You!

Grace Board of Outreach

Operation Christmas Child



The Operation Christmas Child shoebox drive is still underway. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Through this project, Samaritan's Purse partners with the local church worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nations.

How can you help?

1) Monetary donations can be left in the "Little White Church" in the foyer October 19 – November 16.
2) Fill a shoebox as full as possible with gifts for a boy or girl. A child only receives one OCC shoebox in their lifetime so make it great!
3) Build a shoebox online at the Grace Lutheran Church goal page on the Operation Christmas Child website
4) Pray for this mission, the children, churches and all those who share their love through this mission.

This year, we have the ability to **Build a Shoebox online** for those who are not able to get to the store or just don't have the time. With a $30 online donation, you can pick out items to build a shoebox, which will be sent to a child and give them the opportunity to hear the Gospel. To get started, visit the Grace Lutheran Church goal page on the Operation Christmas Child website by going to https://build-a-shoebox.samaritanspurse.org/view/6ab4871d-77bc-4fa4-985d-fa19233c84bb or scanning the following QR code. Please contact Kristy Engelkes at 563-210-2462 if you need help or have any questions.

Please stop by the bulletin board in the church foyer for more information and to pick up a box to fill. **All shoeboxes need to be returned on or before November 16**.

SR. HIGH MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

Our study meets Wednesday's @ 7:00 pm at the Sperry's. Please join us for Bible study and fellowship. This month we will meet on the 5th, 12th & 19th. We will not meet on the 26th as there is Thanksgiving Eve Worship that evening.

MIDDLE SCHOOL (6th- 8th Grades) YOUTH ACTIVITY

Attention all 6th – 8th graders. Make plans now to join Sunday, November 16th for an afternoon of friends, fun, food, and games at Grace Camp. Please R.S.V.P. to msperry@gracedewitt.org by Wednesday, November 12th.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped make OctoberFeast a great success. To everyone who helped decorate, greet our guests, sat at the ticket tables, washed dishes, cut and served pies, help with carryout, cleaned up, and to the great number of youth and their families who give their time and talent to serve at this event. With all your helping hands we were able to serve over 500 meals. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication.

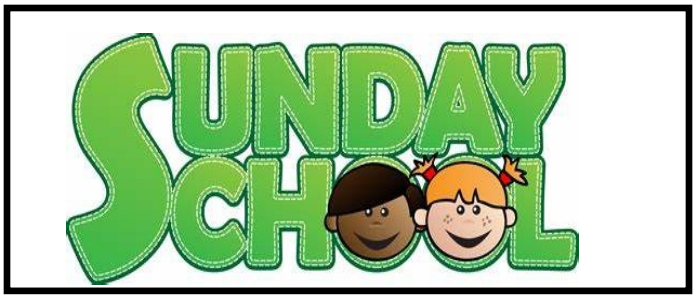
Traci Butler & Board of Outreach

Thank to everyone who donated items for the LWR School Kits, donated sheets, and to all the women who helped cut blocks and sew quilts. Your continued support of LWR and the Lutheran Women's Missionary Guild is greatly appreciated.

The Camp Board says: THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the Cross Country Meets! To those who provided cookies and/or bars for the concession stand…to those who helped in the concession stand…to those who helped park cars, trucks, vans and buses! All your help was greatly appreciated!

Thank You to everyone for your prayers, well wishes, cards, visits, gifts and calls during my recent surgery and recuperation. Your concern and kindness are truly a blessing.

Randy Lange



Every Sunday School year we try to have two different Missions or Outreach opportunities to designate the Sunday school offering towards. Since September we have been collecting offering for "Praise Him Africa". This children's mission provides Lutheran song books for African children. For every $5 received in offering we can send a song book to a child in Africa.

Offering goal of $500 = 100 books.

As of October 19th we collected:
$193 = 38 books

Sunday School Dates to Remember

No Sunday School—November 30th

Sunday, December 14th @ 3:00 pm is the Children's Christmas Program.

No Sunday School—December 21st, 28th, & January 4th

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.

Grace Lutheran Preschool

4's During the month of November the 4s preschool class will be learning about farms, turkeys, pumpkins, and Thanksgiving. They will continue their work on letters, sound recognition, and colors. They have started working on songs for their Christmas Program, which will be held in December.

3's The three year olds are very thankful this month! We are going to be getting hands on with camping, forest animals and of course Thanksgiving! Both classes participated in the Operation Christmas Child and sent a box full of goodies. Bible stories this month are about the Red Sea, a baby in a basket, and Daniel and the lions, all of which are exciting tales of what God can do! We are having a class party to celebrate all that we are thankful for before we have our Thanksgiving break.

The Preschool Board, Staff, and Students have been selling Sweetheart Bakery Cookie Kits. If you ordered a kit they will be available to pick up on November 20th, 10:30 am until 6:00 pm, in Grace Hall. Thank you for your continued support of Grace Preschool.

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Join Our Preschool Board

The Preschool Board would like to add two new members to their board beginning January 1st. If you are interested in learning more about the Preschool Board, meeting times and what we do, please speak with Kerry Good. Call her at the church office 563-659-9153 or email her at kgood@gracedewitt.org.

1st Jason & Heather Mork
4th Randy & Deb Lange
8th Michael & Kerry Good
10th Jason & Carissa Spain
12th Richard & Susan Stevens
15th David & Netty Schneider
16th Brad & Carol Anderson
Leon & Judy Doescher
27th Wayne & Tori Grantz

November 20th Victory Center Service Event

Once again, thank you to everyone who contributed to the meal, helped serve and prayed for our October service event at the Victory Center in Clinton. Our next service event meal will be on November 20th. We are planning to serve up to 50 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, November 20th.

Soup
5 Volunteers:
Crockpot of soup to feed 15 people.

Desserts
3 Volunteers
Prepare a dessert that serves 15 people.

Salads
4 Volunteers
Prepare a dessert 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 2026 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.

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.

1st	Pauline Burken
2nd	Cooper Reed
3rd	Harven Spain
6th	Paisley Mork
8th	Donovan Good
	Gracie McCausland
9th	Bernice Meyer
11th	Kevin Meyer
12th	Jean Passig
	Andrew Nolin
13th	Diane McVey
14th	Kristy Engelkes
	Dylan Dies
15th	Carla Watts
	Larry Oronzio III
	Betty Lett
16th	Michael Vopatek
17th	Jill Gisel
	Maribeth Penningroth
	Kyler Miller
18th	Shawn Block
20th	Kinley Albrecht
23rd	Troy Ruggeberg
	Josie McCausland
24th	Julie Evers
25th	Connie Havener
	Clint Albrecht
	Cassie Pfeiffer
26th	Dan Burzlaff
	Kinley Birt
27th	Silas DeHaven
30th	Dylan Jans

OPENS FRIDAY, NOV. 28TH

Grace Camp Tree Farm

2675 242ND ST, DEWITT, IA

CHRISTMAS TREES

Variety of Pre Cut Available

6-8' Canaan Firs $ 60
7-8' Fraser Firs $ 90
10'+ Fraser Firs $ 125

CUT YOUR OWN!
$ 70

WREATHS AVAILABLE!

24" $ 30
36" $ 40

Hours: Friday (Nov 28th Only) - 9:00 am to 4:30 pm
Saturday - 9:00 am to 4:30 pm
Sunday - 11:00 am to 4:30 pm

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Grace Luthean Youth
Fundraiser

RaiseRight™
GIFT CARD PROGRAM

The members of Grace Lutheran have always supported the youth of our church. You generously give your time, talents, and treasure. We want to offer you a way to give without stretching your wallet.

With RaiseRight fundraising you raise money by using gift cards instead of cash to pay for everyday purchases like groceries, gas, dining out, and so much more.

Benefits of Raising Money with RaiseRight

- **IT'S EASY**—Raise right fits right into your daily life
- **IT'S EFFECTIVE** – Brands automatically give 2-20% back to the youth program.

How to Give Back with Gift Cards

- You buy gift cards to places you regularly shop. You get the full value of the card, no extra money comes out of your pocket. Pick from popular brands.
- Use the gift card you purchase to pay for everyday purchases instead of cash or credit card.
- The brand of gift card you purchase gives back a percentage to the youth program automatically.
- The youth group will use these earnings to offset the cost to families for youth events, service projects, mission trips, and youth gatherings.

Where and When Can I Buy these Cards?

- **WHERE** – A stack of order forms will be available on the Welcome Center. Place your completed order form and payment in the mailbox labeled "Scrip"
- **When** – Orders need to be received by the first Sunday of every month.

When Will I Get My Gift Cards?

- Gift cards will be available, on a table in the foyer, the second Sunday of every month.

What Gift Cards are Available?

Hundreds of brands are available – Amazon, Applebees, Arbys, Barnes & Nobel, Best Buy, Caseys, Cold Stone Creamery, CVS Pharmacy, Home Depot, McDonald's, Starbucks, Walmart, and the list goes on and on. A complete list can by found on our RaiseRight order form. Located on the Welcome Center.

Why not check off some of your Christmas Shopping and purchase a gift card. Want to send a birthday card with a gift card? Take a moment to check out what we have available before going to the store. Let us save you time and a trip to the store. Place your order next Sunday.

For more info please contact; Mark Sperry - 563-659-9153 - msperry@gracedewitt.org

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church - November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 8:00am All Saints Sunday - Traditional Worship 9:15am Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 10:30am Traditional Worship 3:00pm Trunk or Treat	**27** 6:30pm Christian Education Mtg	**28**	**29** 5:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm Grace Choir 7:00pm Cantata Rehearsal 7:00pm Sr. High Bible Study	**30** 9:00am Tops Meeting 9:30am Senior Exercise Group	**31**	**1**
2 "Mites" Sunday 8:00am Traditional Worship w/Comm 9:15am Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 10:30am Traditional Worship w/Comm	**3** 1:00pm 500 Card Club 6:00pm Board of Discipleship 6:00pm Preschool Board 6:30pm Elders Meeting	**4**	**5** 5:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm Grace Choir 7:00pm Cantata Rehearsal 7:00pm Sr. High Bible Study	**6** 9:00am Tops Meeting 9:30am Senior Exercise Group	**7**	**8** Hall Rental
9 8:00am Traditional Worship 9:15am Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 10:30am Traditional Worship	**10** 6:00pm Council Meeting	**11**	**12** 7:00am Finance Meeting 9:00am Sewing Ladies 5:30pm Confirmation 6:45pm Grace Choir 7:00pm Cantata Rehearsal 7:00pm Sr. High Bible Study	**13** 9:00am Tops Meeting 9:30am Senior Exercise Group	**14**	**15** Hall Rental Newsletter Deadline
16 8:00am Traditional Worship w/Comm 9:15am Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 10:30 am Traditional Worship w/Comm 4:00pm Middle School Youth Night	**17** 1:00pm 500 Card Club 7:00pm Youth Board Mtg	**18** 6:30pm Camp Board Meeting	**19** 5:30pm Confirmation 6:45pm Grace Choir 7:00pm Cantata Rehearsal 7:00pm Sr. High Bible Study	**20** Preschool Yoga 9:00am Tops Meeting 9:30am Senior Exercise Group 4:00pm Victory Center Event	**21**	**22**
23 8:00am Traditional Worship 9:15am Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 10:30am Praise Worship	**24** 6:30pm Board of Christian Education	**25** 7:00pm Cantata Rehearsal	**26** No Preschool 9:00am Sewing Ladies 7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship	**27** No Preschool/Office Closed THANKSGIVING	**28** No Preschool Office Closed	**29**
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