



# *Grace Newsletter*

JULY 2020

Dear Saints of Grace Church,

During the pre-service announcements on June 21st, I announced that guidelines would be coming out during the next couple of days helping us to figure out what the next steps are. Therefore, on July 1st/July 5th services we will begin to implement the next phase of in-person worship.

**Seating:** Over the last month we have asked that you only sit with your family unit in pews that were sectioned off to help with the physical distancing. While the pews will still be sectioned off, we will be allowing two separate family units to sit together in each sectioned off pews. However, we are still requiring that you maintain a 6-foot physical distance between family units.

**Reservations:** Beginning in July, there will be no need to make a reservation for the services held in the church. Our current schedule of services held on Sunday and Wednesday will continue. The schedule will be 8 am, and 10 am (camp service) on Sunday, and 7 pm on Wednesday.

**Masks:** We are still strongly recommending that you wear a mask until you are seated in your pew. Now, we will expand this recommendation that if you cannot be physically distant from the family unit sitting in your pew, then please wear your mask throughout the service.

**Social distance:** We will be following the CDC recommendations of being 6 feet apart. Also, we are still asking that if you can please continue to go down the stairs near the sanctuary. Still only one family in the elevator.

**Offering:** Will still be collected in the designated areas at church or at camp.

**Bulletins:** In July we will have large print bulletins for those who need them. However, we are asking that you please take them home with you. Do not give them back to the elder.

**Communion:** We will be offering communion during the services starting July 1st. It will be continuous flow; therefore, we will not be kneeling at the rail for the time being. Also, there will be no common cup. The procedures for communion will be as followed. One pew at a time. The elders will be masked and gloved. They will drop/place the host(wafer) in your cupped hands. Then you will grab the blood (wine cup). When taking your wine cup, start on the farthest outer ring of the communion tray, once the farthest ring is empty, then begin on the next row. The elders will help to remind you which cup to grab. If you need assistance, just let the elder know and they will hand you the wine. We know this will take time in getting the cadence down, please be understanding.

In the service of Jesus,

Pastor Eric

**SERVING THIS MONTH:**

**The Elders:** Sunday's 8:00 AM Leon Doescher  
10:00 AM Jon Betz

Wednesday 7:00 PM Ray Ackerman

**The Organist:** Diana Baetke

**In Memory of:**

**Thelma C. Goldensoph**, 89, of Low Moor, passed away, Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at the Alverno.

Thelma Clara Ehlers was born on November 19, 1930 in DeWitt, Iowa, the daughter of Ernest and Emily (Boehme) Ehlers. She graduated from DeWitt High School. She married Leonard Scheper on September 23, 1950; he was killed in action during the Korean Conflict on June 26, 1952. She later married Lawrence Goldensoph on July 22, 1961; he died May 2, 2002. Thelma was a homemaker.

She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church, DeWitt. She enjoyed playing bingo, puzzles, word searches, gardening, cross-stitching, and crocheting.

Thelma is survived by her children: Cindy Mitchell, Leon Goldensoph, Paula Carter, Polly (James) Layne, James (Deb) Goldensoph all of Clinton, and Thomas (Ileen) Goldensoph of Low Moor; 10 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren; and her sister: Marion Nichols of Moline. She was preceded in death by both of her husbands, two brothers, and one sister

**Special Gifts Given Include:**

In loving memory of Betty Laschankzy \$140 has been given to Grace Lutheran Church.

In lovely memory of John Hansen, a memorial has been given to Grace Lutheran Church.

In loving memory of Thelma Goldensoph \$10 has been given the LWML.

**GRACE LUTHERAN MISSION STATEMENT** — To make known the love of Christ by word and deed within our church, communities and world.



**PLEASE REMEMBER  
TO CONTINUE  
GIVING TO YOUR CHURCH  
DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME**

**IMPORTANT** - Deadline for submitting articles for the August Newsletter is July 15th.



**CELEBRATE THE  
GRADUATE**

*Join us to Celebrate*

*Ezra Onken's Graduation*

Friday, July 3rd— 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
At Grace Camp - Peter Retreat Center

*Yana Sperry's Graduation*

Saturday, July 11th— 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
At Grace Camp - Peter Retreat Center

*Katelyn Good's Graduation*

Sunday, July 12th — 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
At Grace Camp - Andrew Retreat Center



The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Iowa East District Convention, originally scheduled for June 12-13 was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The LWML IED Convention has been rescheduled to September 12, to be held at Camp I-O-Dis-E-Ca in place of the Fall Retreat.

Please contact, Kerry, at the church office (563-659-9153) if you would like more information on this event and a registration form.

**Grace camp will be starting a fundraising campaign** this summer to help raise funds for the new outdoor chapel that was designed last fall. Our hopes are to raise around \$36,000.00 over the next 9 months. More information will be forthcoming but wanted to start spreading the word. Thank you.

Grace Lutheran is currently finalizing plans for a new pictorial directory. Pictures are scheduled for September 22-26th. Watch your News & Note and Newsletter for more information as it becomes available.

**Sunday School Teachers** are a very important part of our church. As we look ahead to the 20/21 Sunday School year we begin to look for teachers to help spread the Love of God to our children. Currently, we need for a 4th, and 5th grade Sunday School Teacher. If you would like to volunteer to be a teacher please speak with DCE Mark Sperry or Kerry at the church office.



**Sunday, July 12th  
11:00 am at Grace Camp  
Outdoor Chapel**

Agenda Items: Approve the 2020/2021  
Preschool Budget  
(Included for your review.)

**Grace Camp Pancake Breakfast**  
July 19, 2020  
8:00 to 11:30 a.m.

At the Grace Camp Pavilion.

# Summer Camp 2020 Announcement

In conversations with Grace church leadership, Grace Camp Board members and individuals who oversee programming at other camps, as well as keeping up with what the CDC is saying, we have come to the difficult decision to cancel Grace Summer Camp 2020.

This decision was not an easy one to make, but was entirely directed by our overall intent to care for the needs of our campers and their families - in both their spiritual and physical health.

We know you are disappointed, and quite frankly, so are we. Please know that we look forward to seeing you next year for Summer Camp 2021. The dates will be: [July 26th - 28th.](#)

**Have you been affected by the recent pandemic?** Are you finding it hard to make ends meet, did you lose your job or maybe you are finding it difficult to remain in a positive state of mind?

Let us know how Grace Lutheran Church can be there for you! We have a team of people ready & willing to help.

Please let us know if you need some assistance &/or how we can pray for you! Contact our church office & start the conversation.



Please join us on Wednesday, July 1st at 10:00 am to raise the flags at church. We will take the flags down on Monday, July 6th at 10 am .

If it is raining or has been raining, please call the church office to confirm this will still be taking place.

# BLOOD DRIVE

## Grace Lutheran Church

### Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup>

### 2:00pm – 6:00pm

### Fellowship Hall

*415 10<sup>th</sup> Street, DeWitt*

To schedule your donation, call Kerry Good at 659-9153 or visit

[www.bloodcenter.org](http://www.bloodcenter.org)

*Please eat before donating and bring Photo ID.*

**All donors will receive a voucher for a gift card!**



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**AUDREY • Volunteer/Recipient**



**DEBORAH • Plasma Donor**

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Grace Lutheran Preschool  
Budget for 2020/2021

	<b>Budget 2019/2020</b>	<b>Budget 2020/2021</b>
<b>Income</b>		
<b>3 Year Old Income</b>		
3 Year Old tuition	10,800.00	15,840.00
Preschool Donations/Memorials	4,000.00	2,500.00
Thrivent Donations	850.00	250.00
Fundraising	600.00	600.00
Registration	<u>420.00</u>	<u>560.00</u>
<b>Total 3 Year Old Income</b>	<b>16,670.00</b>	<b>19,750.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
<b>3 Year Old Expenses</b>		
Teacher/Direcotor Salary	5,000.00	6,600.00
Teacher/Director Benefits	1,149.72	1,600.00
Teacher Aide	4,000.00	4,000.00
Substitute Associate	300.00	300.00
Payroll Taxes	350.00	700.00
Continuing Education	120.00	200.00
4's Overage - Trasnport/Admin/Operation	3,000.00	3,600.00
Instructional Supplies		50.00
Office/Cleanning Supplies		50.00
Snack Expense	350.00	350.00
Curriculum	800.00	200.00
Advertising	60.00	350.00
Janiforial Expanses	750.00	750.00
Janitorial Pay roll Taxes		75.00
Safety	<u>50.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>
<b>Total 3 Year Old Expnses</b>	<b>15,929.72</b>	<b>18,875.00</b>

# JULY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 10:00 AM Praise Worship @ Grace Camp	29	30	1 10:00 AM Raise the Flags 7:00 PM Worship/Communion	2	3	4
5 "Mites" Sunday 8:00 AM Traditional Worship/Comm 10:00 AM Praise Worship/Comm @ Grace Camp	6 Blood Drive 10:00 AM Take Down Flags	7	8 7:00 AM Finance Board Meeting 7:00 PM Worship	9 9:00 AM Tops Meeting	10 Office is Closed	11
12 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 10:00 AM Praise Worship @ Grace Camp 11:00 AM Voter's Meeting @ Grace Camp	13 6:00 PM Board of Discipleship Meeting 6:30 PM Elders Meeting	14	15 Newsletter Deadline 7:00 PM Worship/Communion	16 9:00 AM Tops Meeting	17 Office is Closed	18 1:00 PM Hall Rental
19 8:00 AM Grace Camp Pancake Breakfast 8:00 AM Traditional Worship/Comm 10:00 AM Praise Worship/Comm @ Grace Camp	20 7:00 PM Youth Board Meeting	21 6:30 PM Camp Board Meeting	22 7:00 PM Worship	23 9:00 AM Tops Meeting 6:00 PM Preschool Board Meeting	24	25 7:00 AM Hall Rental
26 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 10:00 AM Praise Worship @ Grace Camp	27	28	29 7:00 PM Worship/Communion	30 9:00 AM Tops Meeting	31	1

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1 <sup>st</sup>	Katherine Grantz Andrea Mork Hope Williams	11 <sup>th</sup>	Tyler Herington Piper Dahl Wyatt Williams	20 <sup>th</sup>	Gregory Henningsen Carol Schunter Barry Engelkes
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kramer Steffens Glenda Evers Chris Postell Joshua Arey Hunter Jeffery	12 <sup>th</sup>	Chloe Stowe Troy Eden Cody Mork Kristine Pennock T.J. Kennedy Mitchell Scott Eden Tarchinski William Willrett	21 <sup>st</sup>	Irene Myers Rachael O'Donnell Mark Gassmann
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Christy Stearns Ashton Schneider Apryl Onken Brooke Barnes MacKenzie Meggers McKenna Stevens	13 <sup>th</sup>	Erik Johnson Mark Sperry Evelyn Steward	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Jacob Diercks
4 <sup>th</sup>	Duane Meyer Laura Norcross	14 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Schneider Lance Smith	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Ashlie Oronzio Karen Penningroth Melissa Nolin
5 <sup>th</sup>	Nellee Gruntorad Leo Hill Ron Jurgersen Beverly Schrader Renaev Havener	15 <sup>th</sup>	Sandy Anderson Amanda Ketelsen Anne Burken Makenzie Mente Hannah Arey Julie Matzen Caleb Engelkes Eli Engelkes	24 <sup>th</sup>	Hannah Law Angie Lane Jeremy Stowe
6 <sup>th</sup>	Grace Burzlaff Ken Goddard Emily Knight	16 <sup>th</sup>	Ryan Jacobsen Troy Diercks	25 <sup>th</sup>	Mason Weimerskirk Craig Paarmann Megan Havener
7 <sup>th</sup>	Lena Niemann Benjamin Niemann Marty Block	17 <sup>th</sup>	Jacqueline Rathmann Aaron Soenksen	26 <sup>th</sup>	Brenda Gustafson JoAnn Greve Amelia Williams Jaide Gassmann
8 <sup>th</sup>	Traci Butler Shannon Soenksen	18 <sup>th</sup>	Elaine Shelton Tyler Stamp Ryan Ketelsen	27 <sup>th</sup>	Laura Nebel Carrie Carter Devin McVey Kyle Jackson
9 <sup>th</sup>	Jeffrey Robinson	19 <sup>th</sup>	Kaylie Stearns Easton Meyers Louis Ingwersen Sr. Scott Kennedy Hannah Schreiber	28 <sup>th</sup>	Jacob Thumann
10 <sup>th</sup>	Chase Walther Aria Soenksen Andrea Beuthein Carole Dunkin			29 <sup>th</sup>	Brian Schrader Troy Stevens Jerri Sanger
				30 <sup>th</sup>	Doug Schroeder Oliver Stearns
				31 <sup>st</sup>	Beverly Ilg Michelle Diercks Chelsi Converse Jaymeson Mork



1 <sup>st</sup>	Joel & Susan Sanger
6 <sup>th</sup>	Jayce & Sharri Block
9 <sup>th</sup>	Matt & Paula Anderson
10 <sup>th</sup>	Curtis & Randi Bahnsen
12 <sup>th</sup>	Lynn & Debra Swanson

16 <sup>th</sup>	Bill & Lindsey Tague
18 <sup>th</sup>	Michael & Lori Anderson Scott & Kim Steffens
19 <sup>th</sup>	Casey & Jennifer Walker Mark & Cindy Sperry
21 <sup>st</sup>	Dan & Kimberly Burzlaff
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Barry & Kristy Englekes
29 <sup>th</sup>	Kevin & Joy Marik
31 <sup>st</sup>	Ed & Peggy Schlofeldt