



Grace Newsletter

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Dear Redeemed and Loved Saints of Grace,

Called to be different. Called to be radical. Called to be.....what? I am writing this newsletter a week before I am to have a significant shoulder repair on May 18th. Today May 11th, I am thinking a lot about this summer. As I do these three thoughts keep working through my brain. What are we called to be?

This question is influencing my thoughts, my teaching, and my studies. A few weeks ago, I stumbled upon, ok I didn't stumble upon, but I was looking through the book Ephesians. As I started digging into Ephesians, I noticed something deeper. Answers to my questions what we are called to be.

Before we dive down into the answer. Let's dive into the word "called". Why use "called". Well, that is the language God keeps using when describing his relationship with us. That he calls us. He brings us. He buys us. He names us. You get the idea God is doing the choosing, the calling of us. Through this choosing, this calling from God we get an idea of who we are to be. And that answer is different. Radical.

Have you ever considered yourself to be a radical? Or to be different? Maybe, maybe not. But as Christians who have been chosen by God through Jesus, this is exactly who we have come to be. Radical and different. Because of the Gospel. The good news of Jesus radically changes who we are. First and foremost, the good news of Jesus makes us God's children. No longer following the ways of sin. But instead, we follow the ways of Jesus. We become bought and redeemed from our sins. Thus, we become forgiven and freed to be a new creation to live as God's children. This then means our life is shaped through the gifts that we have received, grace, love, mercy, compassion, forgiveness, patience, and the list goes on and on. By receiving these gifts, we are then called to share them with our neighbors. Which means that we are called to be different. People whose entire relationships with our family and friends are defined by the gifts that we have received from Jesus.

This is who are called to be. People who have let their lives become radically shaped by the grace, love, and peace that Jesus brings to us daily through his presence in us. This good news of Jesus shapes not only changed our life, but it has shaped our lives as we follow Jesus. For we are now charged to go and share and show how Jesus radically impacts our lives as his children.

Go and share the love of Jesus!
In the service of Jesus,
Pastor Eric

SERVING THIS MONTH:

The Elders: Sunday's 8:00 AM Leon Doescher
10:00 AM Scott Steffens

Wednesday 7:00 PM Scott Havener

The Organist: Diana Baetke

The Acolytes

June 6th
8:00 AM

Ashlie Oronzio

June 13th
8:00 AM

Landre Ruggeberg

June 20th
8:00 AM

Ashton Schneider

June 27th
8:00 AM

Noah Sunday

Special Gifts Given Include:

In loving memory of Jerry Griep \$10 has been given toward the A/V Fund, and \$20 to Grace Lutheran Preschool.

In loving memory of Sarah Ackerman \$10 has been given to the A/V Fund, and \$20 to Grace Lutheran Preschool.

In loving memory of Gwen McDonald \$10 has been given to the A/V Fund.

In loving memory of Elaine Rittmer \$20 has been given to Grace Lutheran Preschool.



Please join us on Tuesday, June 1st at 10:00 am to take down the flags..

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

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



Sunday Worship

8:00 a.m. @ Grace Church
Traditional Service

10:00 a.m. @ Grace Camp Outdoor Chapel
Praise Service

Please remember to watch for weather related location changes. Notices will be posted on our website, Facebook page and a yellow sign will be



**PLEASE REMEMBER
TO CONTINUE
GIVING TO YOUR
CHURCH**

Remember the ways to give:

- 1.) Bill pay from your bank.
- 2.) Download the Give+ mobile app on your phone to make giving easy.
- 3.) Mail checks directly to Grace Church, PO Box 156, DeWitt, IA.
- 4.) Use the link on our website, www.gracedewitt.org, for online giving.

In Memory of:

Mrs. Beverly Ilg, 87, of DeWitt, Iowa, died early Thursday morning, May 6, 2021, at Bickford Assisted Living, Clinton.

The former Beverly Gay Mueller was born July 31, 1933, at rural Calamus to the late Clarence and Edith (Smith) Mueller. She graduated from Calamus High School. Bev married Melvin Ilg April 18, 1953, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grand Mound. In addition to raising two sons, she worked at Service Rubber and Springbrook Country Club, Bev and her husband owned and operated the Tastee Freez in Dewitt. Later she worked at Skeffington's Jack and Jill until retirement. Melvin preceded Bev in death April 28, 2014. She was a longtime member of Grace Lutheran Church, DeWitt. Bev loved to cook, bake cookies, garden and fish. She was a great seamstress and enjoyed crocheting. Most of all, Bev loved spending time with her family and trips to Wisconsin from where they would bring home freezers of fish.

Surviving are sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Sherrie Ilg of Shueyville, Iowa, and Lindy and Anita Ilg, DeWitt; grandchildren, Melissa (Oliver) East, Bryan (Stephanie) Ilg, Candace (Kendall) Claeys, Allyson (Cassin) Moseley, Hunter Ilg and Tasia Ilg; great-grandchildren, Colton Claeys, Asher Claeys, Benjamin Claeys, Felix East, Ellasyn Ilg, Isaac East, Deacon Ilg, Chloe East and Jules Moseley; nieces and nephews.

Also preceding Bev in death were grandsons, Reece Ilg and Justin Ilg and siblings, Dale Mueller and Dolores Johnson.

The 2021 Altar Flower calendar is now available. To sign up please see the Altar Flower book located on the Welcome Center. Bouquets can be donated in honor of or in memory of persons or events. Each bouquet is \$27 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.

Flower Dates Available:

June 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th
July 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th
August 1st & 15th
September 12th, 19th & 26th
October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st
November 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th
December 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th



Volunteer Needed:

With every season change outside comes a new decorating opportunity inside the church. We are in need of a volunteer who would be willing to change out the floral décor through-out the church as the season change outside. Please contact Kerry at 659-9153 if you are interested in volunteering or if you would like more information.

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grand Mound, Iowa, is celebrating its 150th Anniversary on Sunday, June 27. Special Speaker for the day will be Rev. Dr. John Wohlrabe, Vice President of the Great Lakes Region of the LCMS. Divine Service will begin at 9:00, with a program and catered dinner to follow. RSVP by June 20 to churchbulletin@gmail.com please.

As we look ahead to the 2021-2022 Sunday school year we are actively searching for new Sunday School Teachers and Sunday School Subs. Currently we are seeking teachers for 3's, PreK, 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th grade.

Teaching Sunday School is a great opportunity to volunteer your time and talent. Watching the children grow in their knowledge of God is very rewarding for everyone.

To find out more about this opportunity please contact Mark or Kerry at 563-659-9153.



**Grace Camp
Pancake Breakfast
8:00 am to 11:30 am
at Grace Camp Pavilion
Sunday, June 20th**

Mark your calendar for the following up
and coming Pancake Breakfasts:
Sunday, July 18th
Sunday, August 15th



The 2021 Birdies for Charity Program has begun. When you chip in to help area charities, you can win some great prizes. But your favorite charity will be the real winner. That's because participating charities receive 100% of the donations pledged to them in this program, plus a bonus from the Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund which is a guaranteed 5% match

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS Simply make a one-time flat donation and mail with payment to the Birdies for Charity office at 15623 Coaltown Rd., East Moline, IL 61244. To enter the contest, guess the number of birdies that will actually be made by PGA Tour Pros during the tournament, Wednesday through Sunday. A grand prize will be given to one person who guesses the correct number. In case of ties, winners will be randomly selected.

The 2021 pledge cards are available on the Welcome Center in the foyer. All pledges must be mailed by June 21st.



The flower pots at the church entrance and the education wing were donated in honor of Kim & Beth Haring's 55th wedding anniversary on June 25th.

God has blessed them and their family very richly.

Bless the Lord who satisfies your years with Good things. Psalms 10:3



In April we began putting out the "Little White Church" to collect donations for projects or special programs. In April we collected \$187 dollars through the "Little White Church" and \$2,049.00 through offering for a total of \$2,236.00 designated for Altar Updates. Thank you everyone for your generosity, love and support.

**Congratulations to the
2021 Endowment Grant Recipients**

Grace Camp	\$240 for Windmill Signage
Sunday School	\$700 for Smart TVs & Carts
Board of Youth	\$500 for the National Youth Gathering
Grace Camp	\$750 for Day Camps
Grace Preschool	\$450 for Preschool Scholarships

Every Sunday in June we will have the "Little White Church" out for donations for Vacation Bible School 2021, "Mystery Island". Vacation Bible School is a great outreach opportunity for children in the surrounding areas. Thank you for your support.





VBS-MYSTERY ISLAND REMINDERS

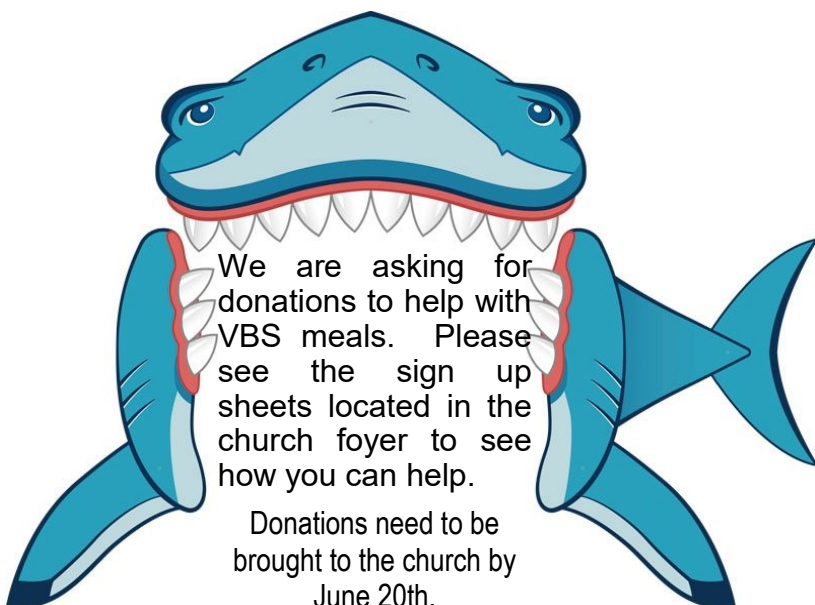
VBS is five nights long: **Sunday June 27th through Thursday July 1st**. VBS is open to children from 3 years old (must be potty trained), through those entering 5th grade for the 2021-2022 school year. VBS Mystery Island will be held at Grace Camp.

Check-in on night one is at **4:45 pm**. A fun, kid-friendly, themed dinner will be served each night from 4:45-5:30 pm. Each night will wrap up with our **Closing** songs at **8:15 pm**. Each night, children will experience music, crafts, science, Bible stories & games, all while discovering the greatness of God. Please be sure to check your child in at our registration table each night. Parents are also welcome to stay for dinner. The decision on whether to have your child wear a mask or not will be up to the parents. We would recommend that masks be worn inside.

Register online at www.gracedewitt.org.

OUR MISSION: Kids will explore five different countries on “*The Great Treasure Hunt*”, discovering that everyone is a treasure of God. Their MISSION is to collect coins to fill Children's Hunger Fund Coin Paks and help provide meals for children in need. Our VBS kids can **bring coins** from home to fund the mission.

ALL VBS VOLUNTEERS-PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE “PREP” RALLY ON JUNE 2ND AT 6:30PM IN THE GYM BUILDING AT GRACE CAMP!



VOLUNTEER

WE NEED YOU

Recruitment and planning continue for this year's VBS program. The theme is: **“MYSTERY ISLAND.”** To make this program a success we need your help. Please check out the sign-up poster on the bulletin board in the narthex and consider signing up for one of the roles. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact DCE, Mark Sperry. The dates are Sunday, June 27th – Thursday, July 1st.

Summer Day Camps



Grace Camp Day Camps

We will be holding Day Camps on Tuesday's & Thursday's during the month of June. These camps are designed for students entering 1st – 6th grades for the coming school year. We will be taking extra precautions to ensure everyone's health and safety such as wearing masks when inside and splitting into small groups for some of the camps with larger registration numbers. Registration is currently open. Please contact the church office at: 563-659-9153 with any questions or to volunteer to help.

- June 8th — Fishing Camp [1st - 6th Grades]
- June 10th — Wood Working Camp [4th - 6th Grades]
- June 15th — Cooking Camp [1st - 3rd Grades]
- June 17th — Cooking Camp [4th - 6th Grades]
- June 22nd — Arts & Crafts Camp [1st - 3rd Grades]
- June 24th — Arts & Crafts Camp [4th - 6th Grades]
- June 29th — Little Kids Camp [4 & 5 year olds]
- July 1st — Maquoketa Caves [3rd - 6th Grades]

DAY CAMP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Again this summer we have the awesome opportunity to share the love of Jesus with children from DeWitt and the surround communities through our Day Camps. We can use help at all of the camps, but especially at those listed below:

Fishing Camp – June 8th
Wood Working Camp – June 10th
Cooking Camp – June 15th [Camp is at Grace Church]
Cooking Camp – June 17th [Camp is at Grace Church]
Arts & Crafts – June 22nd
Arts & Crafts – June 24th

Please contact Mark Sperry or the church office to let us know which camps you will be able to lend a hand. Thank you and God's blessings!



SAVE THE DATES!

The Grace Board of Education is planning some FUN EVENTS over the coming months. Please be sure to mark your calendars. Watch for details as we get closer to each event.

Back to Sunday School Rally—Sunday, August 22nd at 11:30 am (after the outdoor service) at Grace Camp. All Grace kids and their families are invited for a fun filled event to kick off our Sunday School Season!

Grace Family Picnic Potluck - Sunday, September 26th at 11:30 am (after the outdoor service) at Grace Camp. Come one, come all! Bring the whole family and a dish to share for an afternoon of fun and fellowship!

Grace Trunk or Treat - Saturday, October 30th from 1pm-3pm at Grace Camp. Children and Families of Grace Lutheran Church are invited to dress up and join us for fun and treats. We will also be seeking people to host trunks (ie decorate your vehicle trunk and pass out treats to the kids).

And keep an out for our **Soup & Chili Cookoff** in November!



DONATIONS We need your help. We need donations of cookies and red pre-sweetened Kool-Aide mix for our Day Camps & Grace

Summer Camp. Please consider donating one or more of these items and drop them off in the kitchen in Grace Hall.





The Grace Lutheran Preschool Staff and Preschool Board would like to thank everyone who has supported the Preschool throughout the year. Your donations, support, and participation in our fundraisers helps the Preschool in so many different ways.

We would like to take a moment to thank everyone who helped with the Hurts Donuts fundraiser from those individuals who purchased to those who helped pick up the 170 dozen donuts. With your support the fundraiser brought in \$700 through the selling of the donuts and around \$330 in donations. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness.

As the year closes we would like to thank Cathy Youngers, our 3's Preschool Associate Teacher for her service to the Preschool over the last three years. Cathy has been a valued staff member. Her love and dedication she shows to the children can't be measured. We will truly miss seeing her everyday.

Grace Lutheran Preschool

Enrollment forms are available on the Preschool page of the website (www.gracedewitt.org). Enrollment forms and registration fee (3's only) may be dropped off at the church office or mailed to PO Box 156, DeWitt, IA 52742.

2021-2022 Class Schedule and Fees

3s : M & W 8:00 — 10:30 \$110/mo 4 of 8
~~T & TH 8:00 — 10:30 \$110/mo FULL~~

- \$35 registration fee due at time of enrollment.
- 3s Classes will begin after Labor Day.
- Children must be 3 on or before Sept. 15, 2021.

4s: AM 8:00—11:00 (limited to 8 students)
 PM 12:00—3:00 (limited to 16)

- Must be 4 on or before September 15, 2021 to qualify for free preschool.
- 5-year-old tuition is \$175/month and a \$35 registration fee.

For more information, please contact the preschool office at 659-9193 (8:00-3:00 p.m. M-F) or email preschool@gracedewitt.org.

Grace Lutheran Preschool in DeWitt is seeking a knowledgeable candidate to fill a part time 3's Associate Teacher position beginning in August for Monday-Thursday from 7:45am to 10:45am.

Qualified individual must be able to communicate with parents and staff, be flexible, show patience and be detailed oriented. All applicants will be required to pass a background check and attend other trainings.

Please mail your resume to Grace Lutheran Preschool, Attn: Christine Greve, PO Box 156, DeWitt, IA 52742

Grace Lutheran Summer Camp



We missed you last Summer and can't wait to see you this year! The dates for this year's camp are Monday, July 26th & Tuesday, July 27th. This is open to students who will be in 2nd through 8th grades for the 2021-2022 school year. We will be taking extra precautions to ensure everyone's health and

safety. The biggest one being that campers will **NOT** be staying overnight. Campers will check-in both mornings at 9:00 am and be picked up both evenings at 7:00 pm. Registration is open and costs \$25. Please contact the church office at 563-659-9153 with any questions.



Do you volunteer for Summer Camp? Would you like a t-shirt? If you would like a t-shirt to wear while you are volunteering your time and talent at Summer Camp please contact the church office by

July 1st so that we can include them in our t-shirt order. Cost for t-shirt is **\$10**.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
LCMS Stewardship Ministry
Newsletter Article – June 2021

“There are three conversions necessary to every man: the head, the heart, and the purse.” Attributed to Luther, though yet to be located in his vast writings, this statement echoes what Jesus taught about hearts and treasures. He said, “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” (Matthew 6:21; Luke 12:34)

But which conversion comes first? I submit that the order is this: first the head, then the purse, then the heart. Let’s explore this topic.

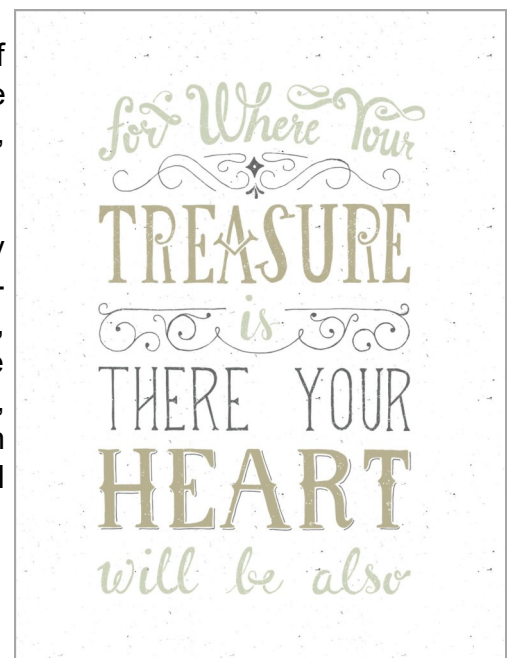
Our Lord Jesus Christ dwelt among us to save us. He took on our flesh, fulfilled the demands of the law in our place, became sin for us, and suffered torture and death on our behalf. He did this in order that we would be free from sin, death, and hell. He gives us what He accomplished through Baptism, Absolution, and the Lord’s Supper. And so, He doesn’t just do it for us but gives it to us. He makes what He did ours by making us His. Thus, we are called by His name: Christians. We have a new life in Him.

Through the preaching of Law and Gospel, God grants us repentance, a changing of our minds. It is a conversion of the mind. We are called to turn away from our sins and turn toward Him for forgiveness, life, and salvation. For when God calls us away from something, He is, at the same time, calling us to something.

And thus, He calls us to a new life, with new deeds. This is the conversion of the purse. Jesus said that “it is easier for a camel to enter through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” (Matthew 19:24) “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” Notice that our hearts follow our treasures, not the other way around. As Christians, God calls us to invest our treasures in His Kingdom to ensure that the gospel is preached and the sacraments are administered. He calls us to share all good things with the one who teaches us the doctrines of Christ. He calls us to be generous in giving to the church, for it is more blessed to give than to receive.

So where is your treasure? If it is not invested in the kingdom of God, then the only response is repentance – a conversion of the heart – and to begin doing just that. And as our Lord promised, where your treasure is there your heart will be also.

This is not to say that you earn your way into heaven. It is simply to say that as Christians, those who have been made to be temples of the Holy Spirit, who have been given a new life in Christ, who are dead to sin and now alive in Him, we are actually to live – think (conversion of the mind), do (conversion of the purse), and be (conversion of the heart) – a new life in Him. And when you fail, know that God in Christ loves and forgives you and still calls you away from that and to Himself.





THIS MONTH'S
Birthdays

1st Becky Kirby
 2nd Blaine Stearns
 3rd Terri Shelton
 Jacob Swanson
 Emily Swanson
 Makenna Christensen
 4th Kamryn Albrecht
 5th Denise Runge
 Brynlee Dies
 Rodney Keeney
 Mary Alger
 Josh Mitchell
 Amy Meyers
 7th Chelsea Petersen
 Brandon Larison
 9th Noah Sunday
 David Hansen

10th Mike Foote
 Bud Selk
 Adelynn Williams
 Barbara Mickelsen
 11th Tyler Lawrence
 Austin Meyer
 12th Jeanne Hansen
 Shawn Wright
 Preslee Wagner
 Halston Krukow
 13th Kathy Mangan
 Kindra Barys
 Tracy Paarmann
 14th Daniel Bark
 Lauren Hansen
 15th Nathan Yoerger
 16th Aidan Foit
 Ashdon Converse
 17th Wendy Proctor
 Phyllis Humphrey
 Judy Doescher
 18th Dylan Millerschone
 19th Lily Soenksen

20th Maggie Hartmann
 Cheryl Housman
 Brady Dies
 21st Jeremiah Sunday
 Lori Wheelen
 23rd Ardith Barr
 Michael Scott
 Rodney Wold
 Michael Kennedy
 Lynn Swanson
 Rachael Krukow
 24th Valarie Betz
 Keaton Birt
 Owen Tucker
 25th Sandy Miller
 David Kirby
 Coleen Hughes
 Jesse Spain
 25th Richard Block
 Kurt Kreiter
 Shirley Jackson
 26th Keaton Mueller
 Kyle McDevitt


27th Riley McVey
 28th Kay Hall
 Joy Marik
 Hannah Grantz
 Allison LaFevers
 Addison Tucker
 Breeanna Paasch
 29th Zane Burzlaff
 Brad Tobey



1st Erik & Jill Johnson
 2nd Eric & Shannon Williams
 John & Joellyn McDonnell
 Keith & Brenda Gustafson
 3rd Dale & JoAnn Greve
 Kenneth & Sheryl Brommelkamp
 Gregory & Joleen Henningsen
 Bryan & Angie Herington
 6th Kevin & Tina Meyer
 Denise & Norlin Wagner-Mommsen
 7th Matthew & Laura Nebel
 8th Duane & Bernice Meyer
 Zachary & Andrea Beuthien
 Jeremy & Jessica Sunday

10th Cory & Rachael Krukow
 12th Milo & Norma Soenksen
 Leon & Ronna Roseland
 15th Ryan & Carrie Carter
 17th Kurt & Colleen Flathers
 Mitch & Julie Krukow
 20th Aaron & Shannon Soenksen
 25th Kim & Beth Haring
 26th James & Charlotte Harroun
 27th John & Pamela Pischke

JUNE 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 8:00 AM Traditional Worship/Communion 10:00 AM Praise Worship/Communion	31  MEMORIAL DAY Church Office Closed	1 10:00 AM Lower the Flags	2 7:00 AM Worship 6:30 PM VBS Volunteer Rally	3 9:00 AM Tops Meeting	4 8:00 AM Trustees Board Meeting	5
6 "Mites" Sunday 8:00 AM Traditional Worship/Communion 10:00 AM Praise Worship/Communion @ Grace Camp	7 6:30 PM Elders Meeting	8 9:00 AM Day Camp 6:30 PM Preschool Board Meeting	9 7:00 AM Finance Board Meeting 7:00 PM Worship	10 9:00 AM Day Camp 9:00 AM Tops Meeting	11	12
13 Hall Rental 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 10:00 AM Praise Worship @ Grace Camp	14 6:00 PM Council Meeting	15 Newsletter Deadline 9:00 AM Day Camp 6:30 PM Camp Board Meeting	16 8:00 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Worship	17 9:00 AM Day Camp 9:00 AM Tops Meeting	18	19
20 8:00 AM Grace Camp Pancake Breakfast 8:00 AM Traditional Worship/Communion 10:00 AM Praise Worship/Communion @ Grace Camp	21 7:00 PM Youth Board Meeting	22 9:00 AM Day Camp	23 7:00 PM Worship	24 9:00 AM Day Camp 9:00 AM Tops Meeting	25	26 Wedding
27 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 10:00 AM Praise Worship @ Grace Camp 11:00 AM Board of Education 4:45 PM VBS Dinner 5:30 PM Vacation Bible School	28 4:45 PM VBS Dinner 5:30 PM Vacation Bible School	29 10:00 AM Day Camp 4:45 PM VBS Dinner 5:30 PM Vacation Bible School	30 4:45 PM VBS Dinner 5:30 PM Vacation Bible School 7:00 PM Worship	1 9:00 AM Day Camp 9:00 AM Tops Meeting 4:45 PM VBS Dinner 5:30 PM Vacation Bible School	2 8:00 AM Trustees Board Meeting	3