

Grace News

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June 2024

Dear Redeemed and Love Saints of Grace!

When do you show people your bathroom?

A curious question, to be honest. I stumbled upon a podcast by two LCMS pastors in Arizona who started their conversation with that one question. As they bantered back and forth, they gave the usual answers. Like when someone asks. But then the conversation turned when one pastor said, "after you remodel. Because that is when you are most excited."

I thought about that line as I walked through my house, as I gazed through each room. I noticed the lack of excitement. Don't get me wrong, I love my house. I love everything about it. But I also know where all the faults are. Faults that I am proud of but also faults I am not so proud of. Such as I am very proud of the coloring the kids have done on the wall but I am not very proud of the burn marks found closely to the oven. Yet, it is these faults that make it challenging sometimes to open the door, to let others in.

I think it is the same as the church. Our church. Let's not get it wrong. We love our church. We love everything about it. The families that gather around our pews. The memories we made in the various ministry events, whether it is VBS, day or summer camps, just sitting in the pew hearing the great news of Jesus for you. There is a lot we love about our church. But there are also faults. The spots and stains on the walls and carpet. The typos found in pastor's article and sometimes on the screens or bulletin. We are very aware of all these things. Some of these we are proud of. I once remember a visitor remarking fondly over seeing a mark on one of these Jesus statues remembering the day it happened. Others we are not. Just like we are aware in our homes, we are hesitant to open the door and let others in.

But have you noticed that when we are excited about an event, we over look the faults of our house? Its seems like when the kids have birthdays or we have people bring their dogs over the coloring on the wall becomes a fun story or instead of shame, there is a uniqueness about the time the dogs turning the stove on and caught a box full of diapers on fire. And in a quick panic accidentally knocking a fully-on-fire diaper on the floor which left the wood floor burnt. These no longer cause hindrance but a chance to embrace those in my home.

But what about our church? What excitement level would it take for us to overlook our faults and open the doors for others in come in? I know what my answer is and will always be. The pure excitement of knowing that every time we gather Jesus is with us. The same Jesus whom God the Father sent in the flesh, to be born of a woman. He comes to be with us. In those 60 wonderous minutes, we are being taught by Jesus his grace, mercy and love for the children of God. We

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SERVING THIS MONTH:

The Elders: Sunday's 8:00 AM Leon Doescher
10:00 AM Scott Havener
Wednesday 7:00 PM Clint Albrecht

The Organist: Diana Baetke & Tasha Becker

The Acolytes

June 2nd

8:00 AM Kinley Albrecht

June 9th

8:00 AM Zanyel Barys

June 16th

8:00 AM Gavin Birt

June 23rd

8:00 AM Cade Converse

June 30th

8:00 AM Kitt Convers

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.



Pastor Eric wishes to keep you all in prayer. Please contact him when there is hospitalization, death in your family, you would like him to visit, or you have recently become homebound. Thank you!

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 the camps listed below:

Arts & Crafts Camp – June 18th 8am – 11 am

Arts & Crafts Camp – June 18th 1pm – 4 pm

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

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receive his body and blood. We get to have the full assurance of His forgiveness and unconditional love. WE get to leave knowing how much God the Father loves us.

Sharing the love of Jesus is a very exciting thing for me. I try very hard every week to share that with you all. The very love that Jesus has for us, covers all of the faults that our church has. Who cares if there is a finger missing in the shepherd Jesus or bb size holes in the windows above the alter. Or fragments of gold fish crackers left in the seat of pew. Or typos or pastor accidentally says the wrong times for meetings. We get to every single week, and because of Pentecost, every single day get to be with God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. How exciting is that! That truly is something that allows us to embrace those around us and share the love of Christ with them!

In the service of Jesus,
Pastor Eric

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

Greeters and Ushers are Needed

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

Ushers are needed to assist the Elders during worship services.

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

Ushers & Greeters



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 cereal, canned tuna, spaghetti sauce, pasta, canned soup, peanut butter, jelly and so much more. All donations can be left in the shopping cart located in the foyer.

In Memory of:

Dorothy C. Ketelsen, 91, of DeWitt passed away, Tuesday, May 7, at Fieldstone of DeWitt.

Dorothy Caroline Ketelsen was born February 27, 1933, in Charlotte, Iowa, daughter of Christian and Alfreida (Gluesing) Schoolman. Dorothy graduated from Charlotte High School in 1951 where she was valedictorian. She married Raymond Ketelsen on September 16, 1951, in Charlotte at Immanuel Lutheran church. He passed away on August 10, 1971. They farmed for many years, and in 1966 moved to Charlotte. Dorothy was a homemaker and taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School for 20 years. She also did childcare in her home in both Charlotte and DeWitt for 25 years.

She enjoyed time with her family, doing crafts, and watching the Hawkeyes and Cubs.

Surviving are her children, William (Jolene) Ketelsen of DeWitt, Lila Kleckner of Creston, John Ketelsen of Davenport, and Lori (Wayne) McClay of Genoa, Illinois; grandchildren, Seth Ketelsen of DeWitt, Chad Doty of Davenport, Melissa Leibe of Slidell, Louisiana, Michael McClay of Saint Petersburg, Florida, and Samantha McClay of Salida, Colorado; 3 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Evelyn Nieland of Goose Lake and Arlene Grimm of Clinton; sisters-in-law, Betty Jo Ketelsen and Diane Ketelsen.

She was preceded in death by her husband and parents.

Special Gifts Given Include:

In loving memory of Dorothy Ketelsen \$120 was given to Grace Church and \$520 was given to the Youth for the National Youth Gathering.

Upcoming Events Mark Your Calendar

Prayer Walk @ Grace Camp
Saturday, June 22nd - 10:00 am

Grace Lutheran Church Blood Drive
Monday, July 8th

100 Year Planning Meeting
Tuesday, August 27 @ 6:00 pm



Summer Worship Schedule

Wednesday Worship

7:00 p.m. @ Grace Camp Welton Chapel

Sunday Worship

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

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

Please, remember when the weather is questionable you can find out if services have been moved from Camp to Church by visiting our website, gracedewitt.org, or looking for the yellow signs placed outside of the church and at the road entrance to camp.



Join Us!

Wednesday, July 3rd and August 7th after the 7pm Welton Chapel Worship service for a treat.

July 3rd—Root Bear Floats
August 7th—Ice Cream Sundaes



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 refurbish them for others who may not be able to afford glasses. (Please, remember they can not accept glass cases.)



GRACE CAMP
annual:
**PANCAKE
BREAKFAST**

SUNDAY
June 16th
July 21st
August 18th
8-11:30

Menu
pancakes
egg casserole
sausage
fruit
coffee & OJ

Free Will Offering

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LWML will be collecting MITES on Sunday, June 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 or leave a marked donation in the offering plate. Thank you for your support of LWML and the missions of the LCMS.

LWR Baby Care Kits

We have taken inventory of our Baby Care Kit supplies and have noticed we are in need of a couple of different items. We could use more t-shirts (**no onesies**) sizes 3 -24 months and **footless sleepers** sizes 18 - 24 months. If you would like to help with this your donations can be left in the basket located in the foyer.

**Donations
are greatly
Appreciated!**

Summer brings many opportunities for our congregation to help spread the love of Jesus through our Vacation Bible School, Day Camps, and Summer Camp. A lot of children attend these events. Which means we need extra support for all those hungry children.

During Vacation Bible School we provide kid friendly meals for the children and their families. We still are in need of donations. Please see the sign-up sheets on the table in the foyer to see how you can help. Donations need to be brought to the church by June 20th.

We are in need of cookies [**NO peanuts or peanut butter**] for Day Camps & Grace Summer Camp. Please consider donating one or more of these items and drop them off in the kitchen in Grace Hall.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join us for **The Great Jungle Journey** where we will learn the 7 Cs of the Bible: Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross & Consummation. The dates are June 23rd – 27th. If you want to get involved, we are in need of individuals to help with recreation, crafts, science, crew leaders (high school or adult), and crew members. Check out the volunteer registration board in the foyer, or contact DCE, Mark Sperry.

VBS – The Great Jungle Journey



Our Volunteer Rally will be held **Wednesday, June 5th** beginning at **6:00 pm** at the G*Y*M Building at Grace Camp. We hope all our volunteers will be in attendance.

Please contact DCE, Mark Sperry with any questions.



Vacation Bible School 2024

The Great Jungle Journey

Sunday, June 23rd - Thursday, June 27th

5:40 pm to 8:00 pm

@ Grace Camp (2675 242nd St, DeWitt)

For Children 3 years through 5th Grade.

A light meal will be served from 5 to 5:30 pm.

SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITY

Attention all incoming 6th – 12th graders and new graduates. Join us Wednesday, June 19th @ 11:00 am here at church for pizza with Pastor & Mark. Everyone will have a chance to make their own English muffin pizza, and then we will spend some time talking and catching up. Please R.S.V.P. to Mark Sperry at 563-321-0674 by June 14th so we can be sure to have enough supplies.

Grace Lutheran Summer Camp

The dates for this year's camp are Monday, July 29th through Wednesday, July 31st. This is open to students who will be in 2nd through 8th grades for the 2024-2025 school year. Registration will open on June 1st. Please contact the church office at: 563-659-9153 with any questions. Please note that 2nd & 3rd graders will **NOT** be staying overnight at camp. They will need to be dropped off and picked up each day.

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 at Summer Camp, please contact the church office by **June 27th** so that we can include them in our t-shirt order. Cost for t-shirt is **\$5**.

ENDURE – 2025 National Youth Gathering Theme

Endurance takes a lot out of a person. Whether it is enduring a grueling athletic experience or waiting for the special day you have marked on the calendar to arrive. As Christians, we are called to endure in all areas of our life. While we can never do this perfectly, we give thanks that Jesus did endure all and throughout it all remained perfect and holy. July 19th-23, 2005, youth from all 50 states and several foreign countries will have the opportunity to gather together for prayer, worship, fun, fellowship and to strengthen their faith. Please keep all groups and leaders in your prayers as they continue their planning.



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

We are searching high and low for volunteers to help during Day Camps, Summer Night Out, Vacation Bible School, and Summer Camp.

Day Camp Volunteers needed for Arts & Crafts Camp on June 18th from 8 to 11 am or 1 to 4 pm.

Summer Night Out volunteers are needed on June 22nd to assist for a 1 hour shift beginning at 5pm with the inflatables, dunk tank, petting zoo, and games. Please see the sign up sheets on the bulletin board in the foyer or call the church office to see what shifts are available. Help is also needed in the kitchen from 5 to 7 pm..

Vacation Bible School is in need of Adult Crew Leaders for 4-year-olds, 1st Grade, 3rd Grade, and 5th Grade. We need youth Crew Members for all grades and volunteers to assist in the recreation and science areas.

Summer Camp will be here before you know it. On Monday, July 29th we need volunteers to help with registration which begins at 10am. All registrations volunteers are asked to arrive by 9:30. If you would like to assist with this please contact Kerry at the Church office.

SUMMER Night Out

@ Grace Camp

2675 242nd St, De Witt, IA

June 22nd
5:00 to 7:00 pm

Everyone
Is Invited

✓ Games

✓ Food

✓ Kona Ice

✓ Petting Zoo

✓ Bounce Houses

✓ Face Painting



Games



Join us for this fun filled family
night out. Everyone is welcome.

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Volunteers for Summer Night Out are needed!!! On June 22, our congregation will be hosting a Summer Night Out family event for the community at Grace Camp. Volunteers are needed to help with food, games and inflatables on the day of this event. Take a look at the bulletin board in the church foyer to see where and when you can help and sign up.



June 20th Victory Center Service Event

Once again, thank you to everyone who contributed to the meal, helped serve and prayed for our May service event at the Victory Center in Clinton. Our next service event meal will be on June 20th. 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, June 20th.

Main Dish 4 Volunteers

Each volunteer is asked to prepare a spaghetti or pasta dish to serve at least 15 people. (Bring in a crockpot or a dish that can keep food 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.

Salads 3 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 to 5:00pm.

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 2024 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.

Dates Available:

July 28th
September 22nd, & 29th
November 3rd, 10th, & 24th
December 1st, 8th, 15th,
22nd, & 29th

Grace Lutheran Preschool

2024-2025 Class Schedule

Class Schedule 2023-2024

4s M-F 8:00 - 11:00 am (16 spots)

M-F 12:00 - 3:00 pm (16 spots)

Please note that there is NO 4s classes on Wednesday.

3s M W F 8:15 - 10:45 (5 spots) \$160 monthly

T&TH 8:15 - 10:45 (1 spot) \$120 monthly

Please note that all 3s must be potty trained.

The 3s Registration form is now available.

on the Grace Lutheran Preschool page of the website (www.gracedewitt.org). The registration form along with the registration fee may be dropped off at the church office or mailed to PO Box 156, DeWitt, IA 52742.

Registration for the 4s Preschool Program is on the Central DeWitt Community School District Website.

Happy Birthday

3 rd	Terri Shelton	21 st	Jeremiah Sunday
	Jacob Swanson	23 rd	Ardith Barr
4 th	Emily Swanson		Rodney Wold
5 th	Kamryn Albrecht		Lynn Swanson
	Brynlee Dies		Rachael Krukow
	Rodney Keeney	24 th	Mitchell Johnson
	Mary Alger		Valarie Betz
7 th	Amy Meyers		Keaton Birt
9 th	Scott Miller	25 th	Owen Tucker
	Noah Sunday		Richard Block
	David Hansen		Coleen Hughes
10 th	Bud Selk		Shirley Jackson
	Adelynn Williams		Kurt Kreiter
	Barbara Mickelsen		Jesse Spain
11 th	Tyler Lawrence	27 th	Sandy Miller
	Austin Meyer	28 th	Rachael Krukow
12 th	Jeanne Hansen		Kay Hall
	Halston Krukow		Joy Marik
13 th	Kindra Barys		Hannah Grantz
	Tracy Paarmann		Allison LaFevers
16 th	Ashdon Converse		Addison Tucker
17 th	Wendy Proctor		Breeanna Paasch
	Judy Doescher	29 th	Zane Burzlaff
20 th	Maggie Hartmann		
	Ben Paarmann		
	Cheryl Housman		
	Brady Dies		
	Ava Johnson		

A Prayer for Fathers

F IS FOR FAITH
 Help Dad to put his full trust in you, O LORD. Give him an unshakeable faith in Your Word. Strengthen his desire to read it, memorize it, and order his life according to Your precepts. Remind of Your promise to work all things together for good for those who love You and are called according to Your purpose. Keep him faithful, alert, and standing firm. Psalm 25:2; Psalm 100:97-100; Romans 8:28; 1 Corinthians 16:13

A IS FOR ATTENTION
 God, help Dad focus his attention on what truly matters. Teach him prioritize, to number his days, and to invest his time wisely. Guard him against harmful or ungodly distractions. Give him eyes to see with an eternal perspective. Fix his mind fixed on what's true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, excellent, commendable and praiseworthy. Hebrews 3:1; Psalm 90:12; 121:7; Colossians 3:1-3; Philippians 4:8

T IS FOR TESTIMONY
 Make Dad a man of integrity. Keep him mindful of the fact that others are watching, particularly the children you've entrusted to his care. Give him a good name and grant him the wisdom, discernment, and understanding he'll need to lead his family well. May everything he does bring honor to You and point others to Jesus. Prov. 28:18; Psalm 119:1-2; Hebrews 12:1; Prov. 2:6; 22:1; 1 Corinthians 10:31

H IS FOR HEALTH
 LORD, keep Dad in good health. Make his bones and muscles strong. Preserve his strength and vitality. Grant him good sleep and give him the rest he needs. Help him make good choices in areas that affect his health and either protect him against sickness and disease or give him grace to endure physical afflictions in a way that glorifies You. 3 John 1:2; Prov. 3:1-8; Is. 40:29-41; Psa. 127:2; 2 Cor. 12:8-10

E IS FOR EMPLOYMENT
 God, give Dad meaningful work to do and a sense of purpose. Help him enjoy & excel at his job. Make him a wise steward of the gifts, skills, talents, opportunities and money you've entrusted to him. May others be supportive and appreciative of the good work he does. Psalm 90:17; Ecclesiastes 5:18-19; Proverbs 22:29; Luke 12:42-43

R IS FOR RELATIONSHIPS
 Bless Dad's relationships, LORD. Fortify his family ties. Provide friends who uplift & encourage him. Help him get along with colleagues and coworkers. Most of all, strengthen his relationship to You. Give him a love for Jesus that spills out on everyone he meets. Psalm 128:1-4; Prov. 17:17; Mark 12:30-31



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1 st	Erik & Jill Johnson	8 th	Duane & Bernice Meyer
	Dick & Mary Jo Kelly		Jeremy & Jessica Sunday
2 nd	John & Joellyn McDonnell	10 th	Cory & Rachael Krukow
	Keith & Brenda Gustafson	12 th	Milo & Norma Soenksen
3 rd	Dale & JoAnn Greve	15 th	Ryan & Carrie Carter
5 th	Alan & Carla Watts	17 th	Kurt & Colleen Flathers
6 th	Kevin & Tina Meyer	25 th	Kim & Beth Haring
	Denise & Norlin Wagner-Mommsen	26 th	James & Charlotte Harroun
7 th	Matthew & Laura Nebel		

Grace Lutheran Church Calendar - June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 8:00am Traditional Worship 10:30am Traditional Worship	27 No Preschool Memorial Day - Office Closed	28 8:00am Lower the Flags 6:30pm Board of Christian Education	29 5:00pm VBS Skit Practice 6:30pm 4s Preschool Graduation 7:00pm Welton Chapel Worship	30 9:00am Tops Meeting 9:30am Stay Active Senior Exercise Group 6:30pm "Table Talk" Men's Ministry Event	31 Preschool—Yoga Friday	1
2 "Mites" Sunday 8:00am Traditional Worship w/ Communion 10:00am Praise Worship w/ Communion @ Grace Camp	3 1:00pm 500 Card Club 6:00pm Board of Discipleship 6:30pm Elders Meeting	4 4s Last Day of Preschool Grace Hall Reserved	5 5:00pm VBS Skit Practice 6:00pm VBS Volunteer Rally 7:00pm Welton Chapel Worship	6 8:00am Day Camp #1 9:00am Tops Meeting 9:30am Stay Active Senior Exercise Group	7 8:00am Trustees Board Meeting	8
9 8:00am Traditional Worship 10:00am Praise Worship @ Grace Camp 6:00pm Urban Plunge Team Meeting	10 6:00pm Urban Plunge Team Meeting	11 ¶ Grace Hall Reserved 7:00am Finance Board Meeting 8:00am Day Camp #2 1:00pm Day Camp #3	12 ¶ Grace Hall Reserved 8:00am Day Camp #4 5:00pm VBS Skit Practice 7:00pm Welton Chapel Worship	13 ¶ Grace Hall Reserved 8:00am Day Camp #5 9:00am Tops Meeting 9:30am Stay Active Senior Exercise Group 1:00pm Cooking Camp #6	14	15 Newsletter Deadline
16 8:00am Grace Camp Pancake Breakfast 8:00am Traditional Worship w/ Communion 10:00am Praise Worship w/ Communion @ Grace Camp	17 1:00pm 500 Card Club 6:00pm Council Meeting 7:00pm Youth Board Meeting	18 8:00am Day Camp #7 1:00pm Day Camp #8 6:30pm Camp Board Meeting	19 11:00am Pizza with Pastor & Mark 5:00pm VBS Skit Practice 7:00pm Welton Chapel Worship	20 8:00am Day Camp #9 9:00am Tops Meeting 9:30am Stay Active Senior Exercise Group 4:00pm Victory Center Service Event 5:00pm VBS Skit Practice	21	22 10:00am Prayer Walk @ Grace Camp 5:00pm Summer Night Out @ Grace Camp
23 8:00am Traditional Worship 10:00am Praise Worship @ Grace Camp 11:00am Board of Christian Education 5:00pm VBS Dinner 5:40pm Vacation Bible School	24 5:00pm VBS Dinner 5:40pm Vacation Bible School	25 5:00pm VBS Dinner 5:40pm Vacation Bible School	26 10:30am Service @ Fieldstone 5:00pm VBS Dinner 5:40pm Vacation Bible School 7:00pm Welton Chapel Worship	27 9:00am Tops Meeting 9:30am Stay Active Senior Exercise Group 5:00pm VBS Dinner 5:40pm Vacation Bible School	28 Office Closed	29
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