

# Grace News



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November 2022

Dear Redeemed and Love Saints of Grace,

Rich Mullins wrote a song before he died in 1997 entitled "My Deliverer is Coming." This song has been rolling through my mind the last few months, so much, that it is sort of the basis for our Advent theme.

We are going off the beaten path a little and look at something a little different when it comes to the coming of Jesus. We will look at the book of Judges. Judges 21:25 "In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes."

Judges has a unique message in which God hears the cries and sees the sins of his people than he raises up a "Judge" or a "Redeemer" someone to come and deliver his people from their sins. It is a constant cycle. God's people fall into sin and God responds with a deliverer. Someone to redeem his people. However, the time of the Judges takes a turn, in that the Judge become more corrupt throughout the narrative. So much so that by the time you get to Samson, the judges no longer look like a person who was called by God to redeem his people.

This book echoes who we are and the various struggles that we have in our lives. That in our walk with Jesus, we appear to be very faithful to his word and commands and then there are relapses in our walk where we begin to give in to temptations. Or we begin to make unjust demands of God. Saying things like, "God if you help me get that new perk, I will be more active in church." Which shows that we fail to recognize the character of God. And yet even then God promises us a deliverer.

In Rich Mullins song, he sings "My deliverer is coming, my deliverer is standing by. He will never break his promise, he has written it upon the sky. My deliverer is coming, my deliverer is standing by." As you read those lyrics, I pray that it helps you begin to prepare your hearts and minds for this coming Christmas season, that our Father in heaven has been faithful to his promise, he sent us his Son to be our deliverer you from sin and rescue you from death.

I pray for many joyful memories for you and your families as we enter this season of gathering, whether it be for Thanksgiving, or you gather together for an early Christmas celebration. I pray that you all remember the promise that our deliverer is coming again, just as he promised.

Blessed Holiday season to you and your family!

In the service of Jesus.  
Pastor Eric

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## SERVING THIS MONTH:

**The Elders:** Sunday's 8:00 AM Paul Kirby  
10:30 AM Jon Betz  
Wednesday 7:00 PM Scott Steffens

**The Organist:** Diana Baetke

### The Acolytes

**November 6<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 AM Kolton Goddard & Peyton Goddard  
10:30 AM Ella Sunday

**November 13<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 AM Addison Tucker  
10:30 AM Gavin Walker

**November 20<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 AM Silas DeHaven & Katie Grantz  
10:30 AM Dylan Dies & Trevor McMahon

**November 23<sup>rd</sup>**

7:00 PM Easton Meyers & Hudson Meyers

**November 27<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 AM Jaelyn Sinclair  
10:30 AM Carson Tobey

### Special Gifts Given Include:

In loving memory of Bill Goddard \$20 was given to Grace Preschool.

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

### Grace Endowment Fund

With December 31, 2022, 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 your 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.

### The Altar Flower calendars are available.

To sign up please see the Altar Flower book located on the Welcome Center. Bouquets can be donated in honor of or 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.

### 2022 Dates Available:

November 27th  
December 11th & 25th

Looking for cards? There is a variety of Thanksgiving, 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.

### REFERRAL CENTER

Do you have extra Hamburger Helper, boxed potatoes, canned fruits & vegetables, soup, peanut butter, paper products or toiletries that you would like to donate to the Referral Center? Please bring your donations for the Referral Center to the display.



### LWML—Lutheran World Relief Drive

During the month of November LWML would like to collect lightweight cotton t-shirts (no onesies) for Lutheran World Relief. We need a total of 34 t-shirts. All clothing must be sized between 6 and 24 months. They will accept new and or gently used (no stains or holes and clean). Donations can be left in the foyer, look for the white laundry basket located in the foyer. Thank you for your continued



## WORSHIP INFORMATION

### Sunday Worship

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
At Grace Church

### Thanksgiving Eve

7:00 p.m. Worship/Communion  
November 23<sup>rd</sup>

### Advent Worship

11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.  
Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>

### Christmas Cantata

#### *"The First Noel"*

December 11<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 a.m. @ Grace Church  
10:00 a.m. @ Immanuel, Grand Mound

### Christmas Cantata ~ Encore

#### *"The First Noel"*

December 14<sup>st</sup>  
6:00 p.m.

### Children's Christmas Program

December 18<sup>th</sup>  
3:00 p.m.

### Christmas Eve

6:00 p.m. Worship/Communion  
December 24<sup>th</sup>

### Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

10:00 p.m. Worship/Communion  
December 24<sup>th</sup>

### Christmas Day

9:00 a.m. Communion Service  
December 25<sup>th</sup>

### New Years Day Worship

January 1st  
9:00 a.m.

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## FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE

Once again this year we will be decorating the Family Christmas Tree with pictures. We ask that every family provide a 4"X6" or a 3"X5" portrait of their family. Take your portrait and place it in one of the decorative frames, located under the Christmas tree, and place it on the tree. Please, make sure to write your last name on the photo.

Previous year's ornaments will be placed on the tree. We look forward to many new additions.

Join us on Sunday, November 27th, after the late service to decorate for the Advent season. We will be putting up the sanctuary Christmas tree, hanging wreaths, setting up the nativity, and putting the family Christmas tree up in the foyer. Everyone is welcome to participate.

### Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal Schedule

Saturday, December 17th

3<sup>rd</sup>—8<sup>th</sup> Grade—9:00 to 11:30 a.m.  
Pre-K - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade—10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, December 18th - 9:15 a.m.

The Children's Program is at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 18th. All Children are asked to meet in Grace Hall by 2:45 p.m.

# Christmas Trees

## Grace Camp

2675 242nd St, DeWitt, IA 52742

### Hours:

Saturday - 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Sunday - 11:00 am to 4:30 pm

Beginning Nov. 26th—Dec. 18th

The Christmas Tree Farm will also be open  
Friday, November 25th from 9 to 4:30pm.



**Attention all 6th—8th Graders.**

Join us on Sunday, November 13th, for an afternoon of fun at The Fun Station Quad Cities Trampoline Park. Please, meet at church at 1:00 pm. The cost is \$7 per person.

Please, sign-up on the bulletin board outside of Mr. Sperry's office, remit fees, and complete the online waiver form by Sunday, November 6th.

To fill out the waiver go to:

<https://quad-cities.gofunstation.com>

Click on the "WAIVER" button located on the right-hand side of the homepage.

**SR. HIGH DISTRICT GATHERING**

Please keep the five youth and two adults who will be attending the annual Sr. Youth Gathering in Des Moines in your prayers. They will be gone November 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH NIGHT**

Attention all 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Graders. Our next Youth Night will be **Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>** from **6:00 pm – 7:30 pm** at the G\*Y\*M Building at Grace Camp.

Are you looking for a way to assist the church? Are you handy and have a little time? We are looking for someone to do a little DIY project on the old bookshelves that were in Grace Hall. Currently the bookshelves have wallpaper on the inside, we would like this removed and if needed the insides painted. If you have are interested in assisting with this project, please speak with Kerry at the church office.

*Thank You!*

Thank you to everyone who "rounded-up" at Randy's for Grace Camp! We raised \$785.39.

We also wanted to extend a Big Thank You to everyone who helped in the concession stand and/or with parking vehicles at the Cross Country Track Meets that were held at Grace Camp on October 4th and 5th. The concession stand was able to raise \$1,100.

All proceeds from this event will go toward the new outdoor chapel.

Thank you, Mary Garlough & Grace Lutheran Camp Board

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!!** The Board of Discipleship and Outreach would like to thank everyone who helped with OctoberFeast. Whether you worked, donated pies and desserts, sold tickets, set up/cleaned up, donated money, decorated, took care of the advertising, or bought tickets to the meal, your help was greatly appreciated. We feel Grace was able to provide a great outreach opportunity for the community.

**PSALMS OF THANKSGIVING**

**PSALM 69:30**  
I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving.

**PSALM 100:4**  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

**PSALM 106:1**  
Praise the Lord! Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

**PSALM 75:1**  
We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your name is near. We recount your wondrous deeds.

**PSALM 44:8**  
In God we have boasted continually, and we will give thanks to your name forever.

**PSALM 86:12**  
I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.

www.mamaofthreeboys.com





## We are in the last stretch of the Operation Christmas Child drive.

### Current Status

Shoebox goal: 100 filled boxes - # 75  
Monetary donation goal: \$1500 - \$ 615.00

Please pray over this mission and see what God leads you to do.

### **How can you help?**

- \* Monetary donations can be left in the "Little White Church" in the foyer, during the month of October or placed in the offering plate marked for Operation Christmas Child.
- \* Fill a shoebox with gifts for a boy or girl.
- \* Pray for this mission, the children, the churches and all those who share their love through this mission.
- \* More information on is available on the bulletin board in the church foyer.

**Filled boxes need to be returned to the church foyer by November 6.**

### **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 6th, 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. Join us on Sunday, We will toll the church bell in remembrance of the following:

† Dean Richard Youngers †  
(11-12-2021)

† June Irene Petersen †  
(2-13-2022)

† Carol Ann Schunter †  
(2-9-2022)

† Louis Frederick Ingwersen †  
(7-8-2022)

† Charlene Emma Paarmann †  
(2-13-2022)

† Evelyn Mathilda Steward †  
(7-27-2022)



The preschool children will be learning about farms, farm animals, turkeys, and celebrating Thanksgiving during the month of November. They will continue to work on letters, sound recognition, and colors.

We had our first fundraiser in October, where the preschoolers and their families sold Coupon Books. We are thankful for everyone who participated in the Coupon Book Fundraiser. The proceeds from this fundraiser will go toward the Preschool Expansion Project.

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The Preschool Board and Staff would like to thank everyone who attended the Voter's Meeting on Monday, October 10th. We are grateful to have congregation who is supportive of the Preschool Program. We are excited to begin the Preschool Expansion Project and can't wait to have a room dedicated for the education of the three-year-old class.

This week we contacted the architect and he is currently working on getting approval from the state and city for this project. We look forward to giving you updates on the expansion and the progress being made in the months ahead.

## Support Grace Lutheran Preschool By Purchasing Gift Cards



Would you like to support Grace Lutheran Preschool? There is no easier way then to grab a gift card from Randy's Neighborhood Market, Walmart, Kwik Star or Target. These gift cards will be used to purchase snacks and supplies for this Preschool which are needed on a weekly basis.

Gift cards can be brought to the Church Office or dropped in the Secretary's mail slot. We thank everyone for their continued support of the Preschool.



- 1<sup>st</sup> Pauline Burken
- 4<sup>th</sup> Leola Schmidt
- 6<sup>th</sup> Paisley Mork
- 8<sup>th</sup> Kristen Flathers  
Donovan Good  
Gracie McCausland
- 9<sup>th</sup> Bernice Meyer
- 11<sup>th</sup> Kevin Meyer
- 12<sup>th</sup> Jean Passig  
Andrew Nolin
- 13<sup>th</sup> Diane McVey
- 14<sup>th</sup> Kristy Engelkes  
Dylan Dies
- 15<sup>th</sup> Carla Watts  
Larry Oronzio III
- 16<sup>th</sup> Michael Vopatek
- 17<sup>th</sup> Milo Soenksen  
Jill Gisel  
Maribeth Penningroth
- 18<sup>th</sup> Shawn Block
- 20<sup>th</sup> Kinley Albrecht
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Troy Ruggenberg
- 24<sup>th</sup> Julie Evers
- 25<sup>th</sup> Connie Havener  
Clint Albrecht  
Cassie Pfeiffer
- 26<sup>th</sup> Dan Burzlaff  
Kinley Birt
- 27<sup>th</sup> Silas DeHaven



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



Join Grace Lutheran Church to Bless those in need by helping to restock the Referral Center, which is especially important during the holidays.

Use the Reverse Advent Calendar as a guide. Each Day add an item to a box. On December 18<sup>th</sup> bring the filled box to church. All boxes will be donated to the DeWitt Referral Center.

## Reverse Advent Calendar

- Nov 27<sup>th</sup> - box of cereal
- Nov 28<sup>th</sup> - peanut butter
- Nov 29<sup>th</sup> - boxed potatoes
- Nov 30<sup>th</sup> - macaroni and cheese
- Dec 1<sup>st</sup> - canned fruit
- Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> - applesauce
- Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> - canned tomatoes
- Dec 4<sup>th</sup> - boxed cake mix & icing
- Dec 5<sup>th</sup> - canned sweet potatoes
- Dec 6<sup>th</sup> - canned tuna
- Dec 7<sup>th</sup> - any item of your choice
- Dec 8<sup>th</sup> - chicken noodle soup
- Dec 9<sup>th</sup> - box of crackers
- Dec 10<sup>th</sup> - bag of rice
- Dec 11<sup>th</sup> - package of oatmeal
- Dec 12<sup>th</sup> - spaghetti sauce
- Dec 13<sup>th</sup> - package of pasta
- Dec 14<sup>th</sup> - canned corn
- Dec 15<sup>th</sup> - canned fruit
- Dec 16<sup>th</sup> - boxed brownie/cookie mix
- Dec 17<sup>th</sup> - jar of jelly
- Dec 18<sup>th</sup> - canned green beans

# November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>30</b></p> <p>8:00am Traditional Worship/Communion 9:15am Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Class 10:30am Traditional Worship w/ Communion 3:00pm Trunk or Treat</p>	<p><b>31</b></p>	<p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>7:30am Staff Meeting 5:30pm Confirmation 6:00pm Bell Choir 6:30pm Ladies Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Glory Bound Choir 7:00pm Sr. High Bible Study 7:00pm Worship 7:45pm Cantata Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>9:00am Tops Meeting 7:00pm Women of Grace Bible Study</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>8:00am Trustees Board Meeting</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>
<p><b>6</b></p> <p>All Saints Sunday 8:00am Traditional Worship w/ Communion 9:15am Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Class 10:30am Traditional Worship w/ Communion 2:00pm CLUB345 6:00pm Middle School (6th-8th) Youth Night</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>1:00pm 500 Card Club 6:00pm Board of Discipleship 6:00pm Preschool Board Meeting 6:30pm Elders Meeting</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>NO WEDNESDAY WORSHIP</b> 7:00am Finance Board Meeting 5:30pm Confirmation 6:00pm Bell Choir 6:30pm Ladies Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Glory Bound Choir 7:00pm Sr. High Bible Study 7:45pm Cantata Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>9:00am Tops Meeting 7:00pm Women of Grace Bible Study</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p>
<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Fellowship Sunday 8:00am Traditional Worship 9:15am Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Class 10:30am Praise Worship 1:00pm Middle School (6th-8th) Youth Activity</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>6:00pm Council Meeting</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Newsletter Deadline 6:30pm Camp Board Meeting</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>7:30am Staff Meeting 9:00am Sewing Ladies 5:30pm Confirmation 6:00pm Bell Choir 6:30pm Ladies Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Glory Bound Choir 7:00pm Sr. High Bible Study 7:45pm Cantata Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>9:00am Tops Meeting 7:00pm Women of Grace Bible Study</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Preschool Yoga Friday Sr. High Gathering in Des Moines</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Hall Rental Sr. High Gathering in Des Moines</p>
<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Sr. High Gathering in Des Moines 9:15am Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Class 10:30am Traditional Worship w/ Communion</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>1:00pm 500 Card Club 7:00pm Youth Board Meeting</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>6:30pm Glory Bound Choir 7:00pm Cantata Rehearsal 8:00pm Ladies Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>No Preschool 7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship w/ Communion</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>No Preschool - Office Closed THANKSGIVING</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Grace Camp Christmas Tree Farm Open Hall Rental No Preschool - Office Closed</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>
<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Decorate the Church after Late Service 8:00am Traditional Worship 9:00am Fellowship Sunday 9:15am Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Class 10:30am Praise Worship</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>6:30pm Board of Christian Education</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>11:00am Advent Worship 5:30pm Confirmation 6:00pm Bell Choir 6:30pm Ladies Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Advent Worship 7:45pm Cantata Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>9:00am Tops Meeting</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>8:00am Trustees Board Meeting</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>