



# Grace Newsletter

## October 2019

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Dear Saints of Grace,

Over the course of the last three years while living in Custer, South Dakota. I would run by the Rocket Motel. There was nothing special about this hotel. It was not the fanciest. It probably was not the most expensive hotel in Custer. It was just one of probably seven hotels in the town. However, it stood out. When someone would ask me about the hotels, it was one of the first that popped into my mind. Not because of the name. Or the fact that they had small plastic rockets by their front door. Or the fact that the sign was made into the shape of the rocket. No, what stood out was on their sign was written: "You are our blessings!" A gentle, needed reminder.

Over the last couple of weeks, Emily and I have been reminded of the blessings we have received from all of you. The list of people is too long. The list of blessings given to us is too long. Emily and I are just so grateful. The stress of moving, trying to sell a home, trying to get two growing toddlers settled into a new home, two anxious dogs settled into a new home, and Emily figuring out my new work schedule. You all have met us in an unexcepted way. You came to us, made us feel welcomed. You made us feel that DeWitt is our home. Every day that goes by, I look at all the long list of thank-you's that Emily and I need to write. Needless to say, I am reminded at that way God has blessed us through you all.

As Emily and I continue to struggle getting to know all of you, getting all the boxes unpacked, and getting our two kids adjusted. Know, that through your generosity to us, you have given Emily and me a great reminder, every single day. We see how God has watched out for us, how he provided for us, and how he made the struggles seem like little blips on the radar. Thank you for being a blessing to Emily, Elliott, Eva, and I. You are a daily reminder of God's grace and goodness to us. Thank you so much.

In the service of Christ,

Pastor Eric

**Special Gifts Given Include:**

In loving memory of Joan Smith \$535 has been given to Grace Church  
In loving memory of Alice Stuedemann \$10 has been given to Grace Church.  
In loving memory of Ben Burken \$150 has been given to the Capital Improvement fund at Grace Church and \$30 to Church.  
In loving memory of Fred Behr \$10 was given to Glory Bound Choir.

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

**Looking for cards? There is a variety of sympathy, thinking of you, get well, birthday cards and much more available for purchase downstairs next to Grace Hall.** Please take a moment to see the wide assortment of cards and napkins displayed.

**SERVING THIS MONTH:**

**The Elders:** 8:00 AM Dave Wold  
10:30 AM Allan Anderson

**The Ushers:** 8:00 AM Casey Walker & Family  
Jason Hill & Family  
10:30 AM Sandy Anderson, Maria Casad, Duane & Bernice Meyer, Allison Lafevers, John Pischke

**Organist:** Diana Baetke

	<b>The Acolytes</b>	<b>A/V Tech.</b>
<b>October 6<sup>th</sup></b>		
8:00 AM	Lauren Walker & Jackson Butler	Steve Butler
10:30 AM	Remi Ruggeburg & Kinley Birt	Steve Butler
<b>October 13<sup>th</sup></b>		
8:00 AM	Isaac DeHaven & Wyatt Jensen	Vicki Becker
10:30 AM	Margie Alger & Mallory McMahon	Vicki Becker
<b>October 20<sup>th</sup></b>		
8:00 AM	Anthony Meyer & Hudson Krukow	Steve Butler
10:30 AM	Karley Erps & Ashlie Oronzio	Steve Butler
<b>October 27<sup>th</sup></b>		
8:00 AM	Owen Tucker & Ashton Schneider	Vicki Becker
10:30 AM	Carleigh Tobey & Noah Sunday	Vicki Becker

**POP CAN TABS & POP CANS** —Did you know you can save your beverage cans and donate them to the Youth Group here at Grace? But what about the tabs on the top of the can? We collect those also. The tabs are donated to Camp Courageous. So, the next time you finish that refreshment, ‘pop’ off the tab, save and bring both the can and the tab to church.

Greeters are needed on Sunday mornings to extend a warm welcome to our members and visitors. If you are available to help with this service, please sign up at the Welcome Center.

**REFERRAL CENTER MONTH**

Do you have extra Hamburger Helper, boxed potatoes, canned fruits & vegetables, paper products or toiletries that you would like to donate to the Referral Center? October is Referral Center Month at Grace. Please bring your donations for the Referral Center to the display through the month of October.

**Voter’s Meeting  
Monday, October 7, 2019  
7:00 p.m.**

Agenda: 2020 Budget (Copies on Welcome Center)  
Election of Officers

**IMPORTANT**

Deadline for submitting articles for the November Newsletter is October 15th.

## In Memory of:

**Carol Frees**, 72, of Wheatland, Iowa, died Wednesday evening, September 4, 2019, in the comfort of her home with her loving family by her side.

Carol Ann Jensen Frees was born July 16, 1947, in Davenport to Carl and Elaine (Grimm) Jensen. She was a 1965 graduate of Northeast High School, Goose Lake. She attended the University of Iowa where she studied horticulture. Carol was licensed in insurance and real estate working in the surrounding communities. She married Lawrence A. Frees November 23, 1968, in Clinton. The couple were blessed with two daughters. Larry preceded Carol in death December 8, 2007.

She had a great love for her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Carol carved hundreds of crosses which she would hand out to others with a blessing. She enjoyed music, playing guitar, giving lessons writing songs and publishing them. Carol loved flowers, stained glass work and most of all, spending time with her family.

Surviving are her daughters, Carrie A. Clark-Hanrahan of Wheatland and Krista R. Berns of Mitchellville; grandchildren, Lawren, Laynie, Kaytland "Tator" and Tucker; great-grandchildren, Cameron, Kamron, Aaliyah, Kayleigh, Natileigh and Avreé; siblings, Eileen JensenBurnham of South Glens Falls, New York, Emily (Gary) Jensen-Krambeck of Calamus and Patsy Jensen-Dunn of Ainsworth; nieces and nephews.

Preceding Carol in death in addition to her husband are her parents; her granddaughter, Caylee and her brother, Carl Jensen, Jr.

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**Bernard W. "Ben" Burken**, 78, of DeWitt, Iowa, passed away peacefully Saturday, August 24, 2019, at home.

Ben was born September 28, 1940, in Clinton, Iowa, to William and Marjorie (James) Burken.

A 1959 graduate of DeWitt High School, Ben married Pauline Flor on April 16, 1961, at Grace Lutheran Church, DeWitt. He worked at Peters Motors before becoming a DeWitt police officer, serving as an auxiliary officer and EMT, and working for C&J Farm Service. He served in the Army Reserves/National Guard for 9 years. Ben was plant manager for HSI Corp, and then worked for Goettsch Farms 21 years, retiring in 2004.

Ben served as a DeWitt volunteer fireman for 26 years. He was a charter member of the DeWitt Nite Lions serving the local community and becoming District 9x9 governor in 1989-1990. He was a member of the American Legion, and Chairman of the City Board of Adjustments. He was a longtime member of Grace Lutheran Church, serving as trustee for 4 years.

Ben enjoyed fishing, woodworking, hunting, and family.

Surviving are his loving wife of 58 years, Pauline; son, David (Liana) Burken, Lincoln, Nebraska; daughters, Pamela (Richard) Kendall, Council Bluffs, and Anne (Alan) Edwards, DeWitt; grandchildren, David Burken, Brian (Shelby) Burken, Amelia and Louis Kendall; great-grandchildren, Carmine, Ashley and Eldon Burken; brothers, John (Jan), Ed (Bonnie), Mark (Jerri); sister-in-law, Sandy Burken; nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, and brother, Leonard.

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**Ruth Adele Simmons Schroeder**, 100, of DeWitt, Iowa, died Monday, September 23, 2019 at Wheatland Manor in Wheatland.

Ruth Adele Simmons was born February 27, 1919, in Northwood, Iowa, to the late Mabel Von Krogh Simmons and John J. Simmons. She graduated from Northwood High School in

1937 and taught in northern and central Iowa country schools while attending Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls. While teaching in Davenport, Iowa, she met Malcolm L. Schroeder, shortly after he returned from serving in the navy during World War II. They were married on August 16, 1947. They later moved to DeWitt, where they lived and raised their family of three daughters. Malcolm preceded Ruth in death on April 11, 2011. When her daughters started school, Ruth returned to teaching at Welton School, first for Welton School District, then for Central DeWitt School District. She taught third grade in Welton for twenty-two years, retiring in 1982. During retirement, she and Malcolm delivered cars for D&D Chevrolet, provided mobile meals delivery, spent part of each winter in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and traveled, including an around-the-world trip. She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church, the former Pierian Club, and a 72-year member of Chapter BG, P.E.O. Sisterhood. She enjoyed reading, playing bridge, and traveling.

Surviving are her daughters, Mary Schroeder (Dean) Barber of Keswick, Virginia, Katherine Schroeder Campbell of Westfield, Indiana, and Allison Schroeder LaFevers of DeWitt. Also surviving are her grandchildren Anne Barber (Steven) Davis of Vienna, Austria, Leah Del Rosario of Westfield, Indiana, Rachael Campbell of Talkeetna, Alaska, Seth (Amy) Barry of West Plains, Missouri, and Matthew (Callie) Barry of West Plains, Missouri. Great-grandchildren include Malcolm Davis, Raquel Del Rosario, Chandler and Indie-Ava Barry, and Jade and Chase Barry, and one great-great-granddaughter, Zoe Kuhn.

Also preceding her in death were siblings, John B. Simmons, Miriam Simmons Gowdy, and Norton K. Simmons and sons-in-law Jerry LaFevers and Ronald Campbell.

### **Sunday School Offering**

Through the months of September through December, our Sunday school offering will be going to help Kings Harvest Ministries located in Davenport. Kings Harvest has programs which assist the homeless and pets as well.

The children at Grace Lutheran Preschool continue to work on letter and number recognition as well as learning our colors. In October we are looking forward to celebrating Fall by learning about apples, leaves, and pumpkins. We are also excited to have the Fire Fighters come to visit as we learn about Fire Safety.

The children are excited for some fun events coming up: Pastor Eric coming and reading to the classes, Yoga Friday's, and Trick-Or-Treating Downtown.



Grace Lutheran Preschool will be beginning their Fall Fund Raiser on October 2nd. This Fall they will be selling an assortment of items which include gift wrap, kitchen items, cookie mixes, candy, magazines and more. If you would like to take a moment to see all the items available the order books are on the Welcome Center. To place an order fill out the order sheet that is with the booklet, the check should be made out to "Grace Lutheran Preschool and put it in the secretaries mail slot. Thank you for your continued support of the Preschool.

**Have you ever wondered how you can help the preschool?** The preschool is always re-stocking their snack and supply shelves and you can help. The preschool is asking for donations of gift cards from Wal-Mart, Target, Kwik-Star, and Randy's which will be used to buy the supplies needed. Gift Cards can be dropped off at the church office or placed in the secretaries door. We continue to thank all the members of Grace for their continued support of Grace Preschool students and staff.

### **Soup & Chili Cook-Off & Game Night**

Make plans to join us Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> for the annual Soup & Chili Cook-Off. The cook-off will begin at 6:00 pm. Afterwards, we will have a Game Night. Feel free to bring your favorite game (board, card, etc.) If you plan to enter a soup or chili in the contest, please sign-up on the sheet located at the Welcome Center.

### **MILES OF DIMES!!**

Grace Camp's Miles of Dimes program is a fun and easy way to give back to Grace Camp. When Grace Lutheran Camp was purchased, Miles of Dimes was originally started to collect money to build a retreat center. That goal was reached, and many more great buildings, gardens, and recreational areas have been added since then. The Grace Camp Board is not making any big additions; but, as time goes by, things need replacing and a general sprucing up.

Collection boxes are available at the Welcome Center at church, and once your box is filled with dimes (we take pennies, nickels, quarters and dollars, too!), just bring the box into the church and deposit your change into the mason jar on the Welcome Center in the foyer. Then take your collection box back home and repeat. Thank you for all of your support!

**Cross Country Meet at Grace Camp** is scheduled for October 10th. Volunteers are needed to help with parking for this event. If you are available to assist, please meet at Grace Camp by 2:00 pm.



### **Octoberfeast**

The youth of Grace [6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders] will once again help at the OctoberFeast by carrying trays, filling and refilling drink, clearing & resetting the tables. This is an awesome way for us to give back and say thank you for all the support we receive from our church family. Please contact Mark Sperry for more information. Participants are asked to please wear black pants or skirt and an all-white top.

### **CHRISTMAS GREENERY SALES**

The youth group will again be selling live greenery for Christmas this year. Please watch the News & Notes for when they go on sale and when they will be delivered. Thanks in advance for your support.

### **CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

Classes will not meet on **Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>** as we will be hosting the annual Marty Party on that night. We request that all 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders who are available please come out the help. The event will take place from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm at Grace Camp. When you arrive, please come to the G\*Y\*M Building.

### **MARTY PARTY**

The annual Children's Marty Party will be held, **Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm out at Grace Camp.** When you arrive, please check-in at the Youth building. This event is open to all children 3-years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade **plus their parents**.

### **PRIDE of the WAPSI EVENT**

Attention all Jr. & Sr. High students. Make plans now to join us **October 20<sup>th</sup>** for an afternoon of fun and adventure at the Pride of the Wapsi Corn Maze & Pumpkin Patch. Please meet at church at 1:30 pm that afternoon. We will car-pool there and when finished return to Grace Camp for a hotdog roast & s'mores. Please sign-up on the bulletin board outside of Mr. Sperry's office. Deadline to sign-up is **Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$10 per person.**



# It's That Time Again!

Board Members are still needed to fill vacancies we have on the 2019 Ballot. In October we will be having our annual Voter's meeting to elect officers and vote on the 2020 budget. We hope that we can fill each board. Below you will find a listing of each board or committee that has vacancies, this list summarizes the duties of each board and or committee. Please take a moment to read over this information and prayerfully consider where your time and talents can best serve the church. If there is a board or committee you would be interested in working with or if you have additional questions on any of these boards, please contact the church office (659-9153) or Pastor Obermann (563-321-0032. [The number in the circle indicates the number of positions that need to be filled in 2020 to meet the minimum number of members needed on the Board/Committee.]

## BOARD OF ELDERS

The Board of Elders shall consist of a minimum of 12 members.

The Board of Elders, as assistants to the Pastoral office, shall concern themselves with the spiritual life of the congregation, supervision of public worship, spiritual care of the congregation, church discipline, and care for the wellness of the Called Leadership Team and their families.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- ◆ Develop and maintain a system of contact with all members, active and inactive
- ◆ Assist Pastor in ministering to members
- ◆ Assist with the distribution of the Lord's Supper
- ◆ Direct the activities of the ushers and acolytes during services
- ◆ Help with collecting the offering and securing it in the safe after worship services
- ◆ Determine eligibility for members applying for membership in Congregation
- ◆ Review Communion and worship attendance
- ◆ Pray for, encourage, and be concerned about the spiritual, emotional and physical health and welfare of the Called Leadership team and their families.

Office term held for 3 years.

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## Endowment Committee

The Endowment Committee shall consist of five voting members, one of whom shall be the past president, and one shall be a member from the

The purpose of the Endowment Committee is to provide Grace Lutheran Church with the ability to receive gifts and bequests from multiple donors and is intended to be maintained on a long term basis, providing support to the congregation's mission into the future.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- ◆ To determine and fulfill procedures and policies for soliciting, processing and dispositions of grant requests in accordance with the requirements and limitation of funds
- ◆ To educate the congregation about the Funds, promote the Funds, and solicit donations Report annually to the congregation gifts received, investment returns, size of the Funds, details on grants and requests
- ◆ Assist donors in the process of making gifts to the Funds

Office term held for 3 years.

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**BOARD OF DISCIPLESHIP  
and OUTREACH**

The Board of Discipleship and Outreach shall consist of a minimum of seven members.

The Board of Discipleship and Outreach shall encourage good stewardship practices, encourage members to use their time and talents for service in the mission and ministry of this congregation, and assist the members of the Congregation, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to be equipped to connect people with Jesus, our Savior.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- ◆ Share stewardship information with congregation
- ◆ Contact and encourage new members to become involved in the mission and ministry of the church
- ◆ Maintain a list of talents and spiritual gifts that God has given to the members
- ◆ Develop, maintain and oversee the annual election process
- ◆ Maintain ministerial descriptions for all boards and committee positions
- ◆ Be responsible for the periodic publication of a church directory/membership manual
- ◆ Oversee the mission and ministry of the Wellness Committee

Office term held for 3 years.

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**BOARD OF FINANCE**

The Board of Finance shall consist of a minimum of 5 members. The Business Manager shall serve as an ex-officio member.

The Board of Finance shall oversee the financial procedures of Grace Ev. Lutheran Church to insure their continuity and continually increase their capacity to successfully execute the mission of the Congregation.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- ◆ Appoint, train, and oversee the Counting Team
- ◆ Facilitate the gathering of budget requests from Boards and Committees. Manage the budget process
- ◆ Oversee gathering, accounting, recording, and depositing procedures for tithes and offerings
- ◆ Facilitate and maintain proper business operating procedures
- ◆ Provide financial stewardship education and motivation towards tithes and offerings
- ◆ Be responsible for and oversee Board of Finance teams and activities -
  - Planned Giving and Memorial Team
  - Financial Review Team
  - Counting Team
  - Financial Stewardship Team

Office term held for 3 years.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2

The Board of Trustees shall consist of a minimum of 5 members.

The Board of Trustees shall be charged with the oversight, appearance and maintenance of the corporate property of the church.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- ◆ Have custody and control of the church property and make such rules and regulation and perform such acts, as it may deem necessary and appropriate for maintenance and improvement to Church property
- ◆ Sign legal documents and make contracts
- ◆ Has authority to purchase equipment and supplies necessary for operation of church
- ◆ Employ and discharge, in consultation with the Business Manager, personnel necessary for the operation and maintenance of the Church property
- ◆ Present to Church Council proposed improvements

Office term held for 3 years.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

6

The Nominating Committee shall consist of a minimum of 6 members.

The Nominating Committee shall work with the Called Leadership Team and Boards to evaluate, select and recruit members of the congregation to serve in leadership positions.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- ◆ May - Receive Time & Talent Survey and Spiritual Gift Inventory from Board of Discipleship
- ◆ June - Meet with Called Leadership Team and Boards to receive and evaluate leadership positions
- ◆ July - Secure copies of the Constitution and By-Laws and Ministry Description for each office that needs to be filled. Make calls to members in the Congregation to let them know which positions need to be filled and provide them with information on the position they are being asked to prayerfully consider filling
- ◆ August - They will provide the list of candidates to the Board of Discipleship.

Office term held for 3 years.



# LWML Mission Guild

"Serve the Lord with Gladness" *Psalm 100:2*

## Calendar of Events

October 5th - LWML Fall Clinton Zone Rally @ Trinity Lutheran - 8:30 am

October 6th - LWML & Mites Sunday

October 14th - Lutheran World Relief Packing at 3 pm

October 17—Ladies of Grace Meeting - 6:30 pm in Meeting Room #1

**The Fall LWML Clinton Zone Rally will be held on Saturday, October 5th** at Trinity Lutheran Church in Clinton. Registration will begin at 8:30 am with the Rally starting at 9:00 am. Lunch will follow. This year there will be a servant event instead of a guest speaker. They will be packing school kits and personal kits for LWML World Relief. Those attending are asked to bring items needed to make school kits and personal care kits for the ingathering.

### School Kits

70 sheet notebooks  
12"/30 cm ruler  
Pencil sharpener  
#2 pencils  
Ballpoint pens (no gel)  
16 or 24 count crayons  
2 1/2" eraser

### Personal Care Kits

Towel: between 20X 40 and 27x52  
Bath size bar of soap  
Toothbrush  
Comb  
Nail Clipper with or without file

If you would like to attend this event there is a sign up sheet located on the Welcome Center.

**"Ladies of Grace:** (formerly Eve Circle) met Thursday, September 19th evening with thirteen in attendance plus Pastor Eric. Those attending have decided to form one circle, "Ladies of Grace". We will meet once a month and our next meeting will be Thursday, October 17th at Grace in meeting room #1 at 6:30 pm. All ladies of Grace are welcome to join us at these meetings. We will continue the various activities Grace Lutheran Women are doing and have done in the past.

**LWML Sunday is October 6th** and will be observed at both worship services that morning. The Quilting Ladies will display quilts on the pews of the church for that Sunday. Please note these quilts may be purchased at the cost of \$35/each. Anyone wanting to purchase a quilt or quilts may do so. There will be slips in the foyer to write your name on and attach to the quilt. A member of the committee will also be in the foyer so you may pay them that day. Any quilts that have been sold and not picked up may be picked up at the office.

**Mark Your Calendars for a Bake Sale** - On Sunday, November 24th the Grace Lutheran Women will be holding a bake sale. We will need volunteers to make an assortment of baked goods for the event. Proceeds from this event will go toward Christmas Gifts for Missionaries and the Concordia Food Banks. Please watch your News & Notes for more details about this event.

**Lutheran World Relief**—We continue to collect school kit items for Lutheran World Relief. To date, we have had minimal donations dropped off for this collection drive. A complete list of items needed for the school kits can be found on the next page. We will be continuing to collect items through Sunday, October 13th. You can drop your donations off at the table located in the foyer.



# LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF



## 2019 Fall Collection Drive

### School Kits

#### **Give a child the opportunity to go to school!**

Why school supplies? To the children who receive **School Kits**, these supplies mean the difference between getting an education or not. Public school is usually free; but, in the places where LWR works, even a few required supplies, like pens and paper, may be more than many families can afford.

And, when parents can only afford to send one of their children to school, girls rarely get priority...yet the education level of mothers has the biggest impact on child development.

#### **Supplies needed for each School Kit:**

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½" (no loose-leaf paper can be accepted)
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- Five #2 Pencils
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One 2 ½" eraser

All items must be new and unused. Please remove any packaging before you donate. Donations may be left on the stage in Grace Hall or at the display table in the church foyer when available.

**Thank you for your support!**

**The Lutheran Women's Missionary League - Grace Lutheran Church**

Go tell the world Jesus died for all!



**GOD GIVES US  
THE PRIVILEGE  
OF SERVING AS  
HIS MESSENGERS  
TO MAKE THE  
GOSPEL KNOWN  
TO PEOPLE ALL  
OVER THE EARTH.**

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."  
(Matthew 28:19).

#### **Stewardship Corner**

God calls each of us to give. In 2 Corinthians 9:10-11 we read, "Now He Who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." These verses tell us that God will not only meet our needs but will provide even more than we need. God does not limit His gifts to His people but rather provides abundantly. God blesses His people with blessings that may or may not be material in nature. If God chooses to bless us financially, He is putting us in a position to be even more generous. The more we give, the more we can receive so we will be able to keep on giving, thus bringing thanksgiving to God.

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

415 10th St, DeWitt, IA - (563-659-9153)

## October Feast

Sunday, October 13th

Serving 3:30-7:00 PM

### MENU

By Matthiesen's Catering

SALAD BAR

SLICED ROAST BEEF

BAKED CHICKEN

MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY

CORN

GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE

BREAD BASKET

DESSERT

*TICKETS : Adult \$10 in advance*

*Adult \$12 at the door*

*Children 5-10 years old - \$5*

*Children under 5 years old - Free*



*Carry-out available*

## GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

415 10th St, DeWitt, IA - (563-659-9153)

 *October Feast*

Sunday, October 13th  
Serving 3:30-7 PM

**OctoberFeast tickets** are available for purchase today to before and after services.

If you would like to have OctoberFeast tickets to sell, please see Traci Butler.

**Pies are needed** for OctoberFeast. If you can provide pies, please see the sign up sheet located in the foyer.

**The 2019 Chancel/Altar Flower sign up sheet is available at the Welcome Center.** We are asking members to donate bouquets in honor of or in memory of persons or events. Each bouquet is \$25 and there will be two bouquets each week. Please sign up for your preferred dates on the flower calendar, put your payment in the envelope provided, and slide the envelope through the mail slot in the secretary's door. You may purchase one or both bouquets.

**Flower Dates Still Available:**

October 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th

November 3rd, 10th, & 24th

December 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th

**Housekeeping Note**

Keeping the church clean and tidy is a full-time job, so we all need to pitch in and do our part. Our janitorial staff cleans the church once a week and tidies up during the week as needed, but their time is limited. We are asking that if you see something that may need some attention that you let us know so that we can address the issue right away. Some examples of this would be if a toilet is backed up or doesn't flush; if a beverage is spilled on the floor; or if something gets on the pew cushion or upholstery we ask that you leave a note in the secretaries mail slot. (There is paper on the Welcome Center.) This will help us take care of problems in a timely fashion.



**Rehearsals start  
Wednesday, October 2nd at  
7:45 pm in the balcony!**

**Come join us!**

The DeWitt Community Hospital Auxiliary will be having the Fall luncheon on Wednesday, October 9th, 11 to 1 pm, at St. Joe's Harness Hall. Lunch menu: turkey dressing sandwich, variety of salads, pumpkin bar or brownie, coffee or water. Tickets are \$7.


**Thank  
You**

We would like to give a thank you to everyone who helped us during Ben's passing. It is hard enough losing a loved one but experiencing everyone's generosity helps us move forward know we have the extra support. A special thank you to Pastor Obermann for his kind words and the ladies of Grace for serving the funeral luncheon. We are truly blessed.

Pauline Burken and family

THANK YOU to EVERYONE who provided snacks, drinks, cookies, food for the meals for the Pre-Seminary students. Also a thank you to all who came out to help prepare and serve the meals! The young men and Pastor Jeff really enjoy all the food and snacks and the fellowship time we have together!

# OCTOBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29 8:00 AM Traditional Worship/Comm 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Traditional Worship/Comm</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>1 Preschool Pictures Referal Center Month</p>	<p>2 Preschool - No PM 4's Class Preschool Pictures 7:00 AM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Confirmation 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Glory Bound Choir 7:45 PM Cantata Practice</p>	<p>3 9:00 AM Tops Meeting 5:00 PM Weight Watchers Meeting</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 8:30 AM LWML - Clinton Zone Fall Rally @ Trinity in Clinton</p>
<p>6 "Misses" Sunday 8:00 AM LWML Sunday Traditional Worship/Comm 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM LWML Sunday Traditional Worship/Comm</p>	<p>7 IDE Pastors Conference at IODSECa 7:00 PM Voters' Meeting</p>	<p>8 IDE Pastors Conference at IODSECa</p>	<p>9 5:30 PM Confirmation 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Glory Bound Choir 7:45 PM Cantata Practice</p>	<p>10 9:00 AM Tops Meeting 9:30 AM Ministerial Alliance Meeting @ Corner Stone 2:00 PM Cross Country Meet @ Grace Camp Parking Help 5:00 PM Weight Watchers Meeting</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13 Coffee Fellowship 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Traditional Worship 3:30 PM Oktoberfest</p>	<p>14 3:00 PM LWLR Packing 6:30 PM Board of Discipleship Meeting 6:30 PM Elders Meeting</p>	<p>15 Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>16 7:00 AM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Confirmation 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Glory Bound Choir 7:45 PM Cantata Practice</p>	<p>17 9:00 AM Tops Meeting 5:00 PM Weight Watchers Meeting 6:30 PM Ladies of Grace</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20 8:00 AM Traditional Worship/Comm 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Praise Worship/Communion 1:00 PM Piano Recital 1:30 PM Youth Activity</p>	<p>21 7:00 PM Youth Board Meeting</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 No PM 4's Preschool 5:30 PM Confirmation 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Glory Bound Choir 7:45 PM Cantata Practice</p>	<p>24 9:00 AM Tops Meeting 5:00 PM Weight Watchers Meeting 6:00 PM Family Promise Board Meeting</p>	<p>25 Preschool - No School 6:00 PM Chili &amp; Soup Cook-Off &amp; Family Game Night</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27  8:00 AM Traditional Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Traditional Worship</p>	<p>28 6:30 PM Board of Christian Education</p>	<p>29 6:00 PM Preschool Board Meeting</p>	<p>30 Preschool - No 4's Class 5:30 PM Mary Party 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Glory Bound Choir 7:45 PM Cantata Practice</p>	<p>31 9:00 AM Tops Meeting 5:00 PM Weight Watchers Meeting</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>

# Happy Birthday

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jayce Block Lois Matzen Peyton Goddard Cindy Garcia	12 <sup>th</sup>	Tyler Ketelsen Alexandra Mohr Sarah Flathers Netty Schneider	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Denise Wold Mason Lawrence Christina Niemann Melissa Schroeder
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Larry Hall Terry Daniels Angel Paarmann Kypin Barys	13 <sup>th</sup>	Jeffrey Garrity Mary Garlough Cathy Paarmann Barry Anderson	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Chad Christensen Larry Oronzio Jr. Cody Block Isaiah Sunday
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tracy Knapper Abrieanna Appleby Bryant Martens	15 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Niemann Gavin Feldpausch Paige Griem Jackson Butler	24 <sup>th</sup>	Emily Azinger Jared Paarmann Joy Smith Brandon Ketelsen
4 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Peters Gavin Birt	16 <sup>th</sup>	Macy Vance Ryne Hoepner Sheryl Brommelkamp	27 <sup>th</sup>	Ben Alger Evelyn Dunnegan Kelci Anderson Cindy Sperry
5 <sup>th</sup>	Sala Knipfer Benson Hill	17 <sup>th</sup>	Lawrence Harmsen Katie Minick Ruth Ann VanMeter	28 <sup>th</sup>	Roger Kaufman Nathan Postell Kayla Wagner Kris Walther
6 <sup>th</sup>	Logan Meyers Parker Friederichs Cooper Small Nancy Spain	18 <sup>th</sup>	Jason Hill Duane Hansen Paul Garrity	29 <sup>th</sup>	Mark Henningsen Ronnie Peters Lois Pote Sara Feldpausch
8 <sup>th</sup>	Kelly Lawrence Karen Eden Aaron Meyers Paige Hoffmann	19 <sup>th</sup>	Betty Jo Ketelsen Lorelei Johns Allen Roseland Joey Spain	30 <sup>th</sup>	Jared Wold Weston Maass Jeremy Spain Zanyel Barys
9 <sup>th</sup>	Carver Krukow Liz Niemann Zackary Garrity	20 <sup>th</sup>	Tasha Becker Julie Kuehn Joan Lass Rhonda Schroeder	31 <sup>st</sup>	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Lilyan Gruntorad Wanda Trafford Daniel Mangan Lexi Meggers	21 <sup>st</sup>	Rhonda Weimerskirk Betsy Henningsen Austin Daniels Roy Jacobsen		
11 <sup>th</sup>	Carmen Ketelsen Luke Dohrmann		Abigail McCormick Elliot Obermann		



1 <sup>st</sup>	Marc & Kelly Thumann	16 <sup>th</sup>	Richard & Marty Block
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mark & Colleen McDevitt	18 <sup>th</sup>	Scott & Julie Dahl
4 <sup>th</sup>	Troy & Tiffany Paarmann	20 <sup>th</sup>	Wade & Patricia Niemann
5 <sup>th</sup>	Ken & Judy Hartmann	21 <sup>st</sup>	Gerald & Sala Knipfer
6 <sup>th</sup>	Charlie & Jordy Daniels	25 <sup>th</sup>	Adam & Alicia Henningsen
12 <sup>th</sup>	Steven & Karen Theisen	26 <sup>th</sup>	Rick & Brenda Stewart
	Kivian & Theresa Eschbach	27 <sup>th</sup>	Robert & Marjorie Paasch
13 <sup>th</sup>	Ron & Diane McVey	29 <sup>th</sup>	John & Jill Gisel
14 <sup>th</sup>	John & Gina Rockrohr		