

Grace News



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October 2022

Dear Redeemed and Love Saints of Grace!

These past two months have felt like a whirlwind. Days come and go, while some days feel more productive than others. But I guess that is the adjustment Emily and I needed as we welcomed Eden into our crazy life. We take the good and the difficult. The struggles with the joys. The peaceful moments chased by chaos. Celebrations that faded to confusion.

To say the least these last few months haven't been easy. Various difficulties that we couldn't have imagined happened. For instance, we just found out Eden can't have regular milk. She needs special formula, which came as a surprise to us. But also brought the feeling of guilt that our daughter was hurting, and we weren't aware. Thankfully she is doing great on her new formula!

These last two months has brought upon a time of reflection. Too many sleepless hours have passed us by. Yet it gave us time to reflect. One reflection keeps sticking out, a promise to share Jesus with each other. Now you may not understand this reference, but when a pastor is installed into a congregation there are two promises that a pastor and a congregation say to each other. That promise is that both parties will do their best to show each other Jesus.

It is in these last two months that Emily and I needed that. We needed your promise and we were blown away by the love that you have shown us, especially in this time of transition from a family of 5 to a family of 6. Whether it was a card or giving a gift at Eden's baptism shower, we are thankful for the love shown to us these last two months. Cause we know that your love for us is a gift that leads us to Jesus and his love for us.

Thank you so much! For all that you do and will continue to do for Emily and I that points us to Jesus!

In the service of Jesus,
Pastor Eric

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SERVING THIS MONTH:

The Elders: Sunday's 8:00 AM Clint Albrecht
10:30 AM Scott Havener
Wednesday 7:00 PM Scott Steffens

The Organist: Diana Baetke

The Acolytes

October 2nd

8:00 AM Carson Tobey
10:30 AM Ashlynn Appleby

October 9th

8:00 AM Kyptin Barys
10:30 AM Keaton Birt

October 16th

8:00 AM Grace Burzlaff
10:30 AM Dylan Dies

October 23rd

8:00 AM Braydon Lawrence
10:30 AM Zack Garrity & Klaire Gruntorad

October 30th

8:00 AM Benjamin Paarmann
10:30 AM Emeri Ralston & Kyle Pillers

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:

October 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd
November 20th, & 27th
December 4th, 11th & 25th



Braxton Walker Wegener, son of Walker & Jaelyn Wegener, was baptized on September 25, 2022. His sponsors are Janna Diercks and Wyatt Wegener.

Welcome to God's Family!

Special Gifts Given Include:

In loving memory of Caroline Gereau \$20 was given to Grace Preschool.

IMPORTANT - Deadline for submitting articles for the October Newsletter is September 15th.



**Monday, October 10th
7:00 p.m.**

Agenda: Preschool Expansion Proposal
Approval of 2023 Budget
Election of Officers

The "Little White" Church will be out through October to collect donations for Operation Christmas Child. All donations received will be used to help offset the cost of shipping and "The Greatest



Dessert Bakers We Need You!!

OctoberFeast is just around the corner and we need a lot of desserts and pies for this event. Please, take a moment and stop by the table in the foyer to sign-up.

Looking for cards? There is a variety of 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.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

October Feast

Sunday, October 9th
Serving 3:30-7:00 PM

MENU

By Matthiesen's Catering

ROAST BEEF
PULLED PORK
CHEESY POTATOES
CORN
BAKED BEANS
SALADS
ROLLS
DESSERTS

*TICKETS : Adult \$13 in Advance – \$15 at the Door
Children 5-10 years old - \$5
Children under 5 years old - Free*



Carry-out available



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.

Pride of the Wapsi Youth Event

Attention all youth (6th – 12th Grades). Sunday, October 23rd @ 2:00 pm is the date for our annual trip to the Pride of the Wapsi Pumpkin Patch & Corn Maze. The deadline to sign-up and submit money is October 16th. Please sign-up on the bulletin board outside of Mr. Sperry's office. We will need several parents to help transport the kids to and from the event. Please let the church office know if you're willing and available. Cost is **\$5**.

SENIOR HIGH BIBLE STUDY

We meet Wednesday's evenings at the Sperry's from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm.

PRESENTED BY: GRACE CAMP &
BOARD OF CHRISTIAN ED.

JOIN US FOR THE 3RD ANNUAL

TRUNK
or
TREAT

SAFE, FUN TRICK OR TREATING AROUND CAMP

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30TH

3:00PM TILL 5:00PM

GRACE CAMP

2675 242ND ST, DEWITT, IA

CALL 563-659-9153 TO HOST A TRUNK!

TRUNK OR TREAT

Children and Families of Grace Lutheran Church are invited to Trunk or Treat at Grace Camp between 3-5 pm on Sunday, October 30th.! Vehicles will be directed to park by the Grace Youth Ministry building.

Children will walk through the campgrounds, with their adult(s), gathering treats! (If a child is unable to walk the grounds, please let us know and we can make a plan.)

*We are seeking people to host a "trunk". What does that involve? Show up at Grace Camp no later than two on October 30th to get your vehicle in place and decorated (you provide your car decorations). You'll also need to provide "treats" to distribute from your vehicle. We are planning for about 100 children.

PLEASE BE SURE TO SIGN UP TO HOST A TRUNK in advance on the sign-up sheet located at the Welcome Center or by contacting Kerry Good at Grace Church 563-659-9153.

Trunk or Treat at Grace Camp is being hosted by the Grace Board of Christian Education.



Collection Goal

1. Fill 100 shoeboxes with gifts for boys and girls.
2. Collect \$900.00 to mail 100 shoeboxes.
3. Collect \$600.00 to include "The Greatest Journey". The Greatest Journey is a 12-lesson discipleship course designed for Operation Christmas Child shoebox recipients. Children who participate in the program learn how to follow Christ and share Him with others. As they do, entire families and communities are transformed by the power of the Gospel, and churches are started.

The Operation Christmas Child drive was such a success last year at Grace Lutheran Church, we will be participating again this year.

What is Operation Christmas Child?

Operation Christmas Child began in 1990. Since then, every year, people fill shoe boxes with small toys, gifts, personal care items, pencils, pens, and other little presents which are then given to children around the world.

What is the purpose of Operation Christmas Child?

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Through this project, Samaritan's Purse partners with the local church worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nations.

How do shoebox gifts impact the church?

In more than 160 receiving countries and territories, shoebox gifts are used by local Christians as a strategy for evangelism, discipleship, and the multiplication of believers and churches in their communities. More important than the items inside the shoebox, the gifts are an opportunity to share God's love—and the Good News of Jesus Christ—with children in need.

How can you help?

1. Donations can be left in the "Little White Church" in the foyer, during the month of October.
2. Fill a shoebox with gifts for a boy or girl.
3. Pray for this mission, the children, churches and all those who share their love through this mission.

More information on Operation Christmas Child will be available soon on the bulletin board in the church foyer.





Grace Lutheran Preschool

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.

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 pre-school 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 secretary's door. We continue to thank all the members of Grace for their continued support of Grace Preschool students and staff.

Fall Fundraiser Quad City Save Around Coupon Books Cost \$25

Grace Lutheran Preschool is once again selling Quad City Coupon Books for \$25. There are many coupons for the DeWitt, Davenport, Eldridge, and Illinois areas. Coupons are good throughout the 2023 year.

If you would like to support this fundraiser please write your name and phone number on the order sheet located at the Welcome Center. Take an envelope, include a check (made out to Grace Lutheran Preschool) or cash, and place it in the secretary's office slot.



**Rehearsals start
Wednesday, October 5th at
7:45 pm in Grace Hall!**

**Come join us! If you love to sing we
would love for you to join us for our
annual Cantata.**

Mark Your Calendar

Christmas Cantata 2022
"The First Noel"

Sunday, December 11th
@ 8:00 am—Grace Church
10:00 am—Immanuel Lutheran, Grand Mound

Wednesday, December 14th
@ 6:00 pm—Grace Church

The Pictorial Directories have arrived. If you had your picture taken or submitted a photo stop by the church or pick up your copy before or after a church service or during church office hours. If you were unable to get your picture taken and would like a copy for yourself, please stop by the church office and ask for a copy. Cost is \$7.00.

With this pictorial we also have an app that can be installed on your phone, so that you have immediate access to pictures, phone numbers and address. If this is something you would like to install on your phone you will need to contact Kerry at the church office so that she can send you an invite with directions on how to get started.

REFERRAL CENTER MONTH

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.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help with parking, serving food, etc. for the Cross Country meets being held at Grace Camp. The dates are Tuesday, October 4th

& Thursday, October 6th. Volunteers need to be there around 2:00 pm. If you would like to volunteer please, sign your name, phone number, and date/dates you can help on the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Center.



Thank you! We want to thank everyone who provided food, snacks, and beverages for the Concordia Pre-Sem students your donations and generosity were appreciated. To everyone who made home-made desserts, cookies and snacks the Pre-Sem students couldn't stop talking about them, thank you. To all the servers and the cooks who helped with meals your time and talent was immeasurable. What a blessing it was to serve the future Pastors.

Grace Camp Board

LWML, does not yet have enough items to send out Baby Kits for LWR. Over the next couple of months we will highlight items that are still needed. This month our focus will be to collect 27 jackets, sweaters, or sweatshirts with hoods and or a baby cap. 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 support of this mission project.

Reminder: There will be NO Women's Bible Study on Thursday, September 29th or October 6th.

On Sunday, August 14th, we dedicated the new Outdoor Chapel at Grace Camp. We have had the honor to worship there on Sunday, August 21st and 28th. The new worship area is nestled among large shade trees on a hillside located across from the Welton Chapel. If you have not been out to Grace Camp to see this new addition to Grace Camp I highly recommend taking time to check it out.

As we begin our Fall Worship schedule we want to give everyone an update on what is still left to complete on this project. The Camp Board has been working on completing this project in phases as the scope of the project is large and the projects that are done are dependent on the cost and what funds are available. Below you will find a detailed outline of what the completed items and remaining items that need to be completed cost.

Items Completed and Paid for:

◆ Terraced stone walls	\$ 34,827.00
◆ Electric work and trenching	\$ 1,674.00
◆ Concrete work	\$ 9,103.00
◆ Outdoor speakers	\$ 450.00
◆ Brick edging/crushed stone	<u>\$ 8,707.00</u>
	\$ 54,761.00

Items to Complete and/or fund:

◆ Band shelter	\$ 16,378.00
◆ Railings	\$ 1,910.00
◆ Grading & hydroseeding	\$ 500.00
◆ Stone altar	\$ 6,000.00
◆ 15 Metal benches	<u>\$ 16,000.00</u>
	\$ 40,788.00

The Camp Board and Grace Church have worked together to support this project. We have had donations through memorials, offerings, Round-Up-at-Randy's, and free will offerings that have also provided financially. As we look ahead to what is left on the project to complete we know we can not do this without your help. If you would like to provide support to this project, just mark your donation on Sunday for the "Outdoor Chapel" and we will put it towards one of the many projects left to complete. If you have any questions on this project speak with Craig Paarmann or Dave Schneider. We thank you for all the support of Grace Camp, we feel blessed to be a part of this amazing Grace Church family.

The total cost of the project as of August 11, 2022 is \$ 95,549.00



The Sunday School Students bring in offering every Sunday. The offering from September—December will be going to Kinley Albrecht's fundraiser for The Stead Family Children's Hospital in Iowa City.



The safety of our children and staff is important to us. To help with safety the Sunday School Teachers and Staff have begun implementing a new pick-up and drop-off policy. Sunday School begins at 9:15 am we ask that parents drop off their child/children no earlier than 9:10 am. This gives teachers time to get to their class and prepare for students' arrival.

The children will be dismissed at 10:15 am. Children 4th through 12th grade can leave without a parent present. Children 3 years old through 3rd grade will need a parent to pick them up from their classroom. We ask that the parent let the teacher know if someone other than the parent is picking up.

If you have any questions on this policy we ask that you contact the church office at 563-659-9153 and speak with Pastor Obermann, Mark, or Kerry.



The Sunday school staff would like a volunteer/(s) who would be willing to stand at the Sunday school entrance from 9:00 am to 9:20 am on Sunday mornings to greet the parents and children as they enter the building. If we have more than one volunteer we would set up a rotating schedule for Sundays. To volunteer for this please speak with Pastor or Mark.

Kinley Albrecht, is a happy, healthy, 10-year-old girl that loves to play volleyball and basketball, but that has not always been the case. Back in 2017, the beginning of her Kindergarten year, she was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

2017 began a whirlwind of blood draws, IV Chemo, steroid treatments, and blood transfusions. These treatments caused her to feel sick and run down. But with her team of doctors, family, and support from friends she rallied. On December 12, 2019, Kinley finished her last chemo treatment.

Kinley has been one of four children chosen to be a Children's Miracle Network Champion Kid for 2022. Kinley is raising money for the kids at the Stead Family Children's Hospital in Iowa City.

To read more about Kinley's journey and her fundraising, please visit: <https://uigoldrush.org/kinley>.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

On Sunday October 9th, we will be having a Card Shower in honor of Pastor Appreciation Month. Lets shower Pastor with cards and notes to let him know how much we appreciate everything he does for us. Please, bring your notes of appreciate on Sunday October 9th and place them in the wooden box located in the foyer or you can mail them to Pastor Obermann at PO Box 156, DeWitt, IA 52742.

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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 8:00am Traditional Worship 9:00am Fellowship Sunday 9:15am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 10:30am Praise Worship 2:00pm CLUB345 4:00pm Jr. High Youth Night	26 6:30pm Board of Christian Education	27 6:30pm Sunday School Teachers Meeting	28 5:30pm Confirmation 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Glory Bound Choir 7:00pm Sr. High Bible Study 7:00pm Worship	29 9:00am Tops Meeting	30	1 Hall Reserved
2 "Mites" Sunday 8:00am Traditional Worship/Communion 9:15am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 10:30am Traditional Worship w/ Communion	3 1:00pm 500 Card Club 6:00pm Board of Discipleship 6:00pm Preschool Board Meeting 6:30pm Elders Meeting	4 Middle School Cross Country	5 7:30am Staff Meeting 5:30pm Confirmation 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Glory Bound Choir 7:00pm Sr. High Bible Study 7:00pm Worship 7:45pm Cantata Rehearsal	6 High School Cross Country 9:00am Tops Meeting	7 8:00am Trustees Board Meeting	8
9 Fellowship Sunday OctoberFeast 8:00am Traditional Worship 9:15am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 10:30am Traditional Worship	10 Preschool - Fall Pictures 7:00pm Voter's Meeting	11 Preschool - Fall Pictures	12 7:00am Finance Board Meeting 5:30pm Confirmation 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Glory Bound Choir 7:00pm Sr. High Bible Study 7:00pm Worship 7:45pm Cantata Rehearsal	13 9:00am Tops Meeting 7:00pm Women of Grace Bible Study	14 Preschool Yoga Friday	15 Newsletter Deadline
16 8:00am Traditional Worship/Communion 9:15am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 10:30am Traditional Worship w/ Communion	17 1:00pm 500 Card Club 7:00pm Youth Board Meeting	18 6:30pm Camp Board Meeting	19 Preschool - 4s Fall Conferences 7:30am Staff Meeting 9:00am Sewing Ladies 5:30pm Confirmation 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Glory Bound Choir 7:00pm Sr. High Bible Study 7:00pm Worship 7:45pm Cantata Rehearsal	20 9:00am Tops Meeting 7:00pm Women of Grace Bible Study	21 No Preschool	22
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Happy Birthday

1 st	Lois Matzen Peyton Goddard Cindy Garcia	15 th	Jackson Butler
2 nd	Angel Paarmann Kyp tin Barys	16 th	Ryne Hoepner Sheryl Brommelkamp
3 rd	Abrieanna Appleby	18 th	Jason Hill
4 th	John Diercks Nick DeHaven Michael Peters Gavin Birt	19 th	Duane Hansen Paul Garrity Betty Jo Ketelsen Allen Roseland Joey Spain
5 th	Sala Knipfer Benson Hill	21 st	Betsy Henningsen Elliot Obermann
6 th	Logan Meyers Cooper Small Kelly Lawrence Karen Eden	23 rd	Denise Wold Mason Lawrence Larry Oronzio Jr.
8 th	Aaron Meyers Carver Krukow	24 th	Isaiah Sunday
9 th	Liz Niemann Zackary Garrity Debbie Anderson	25 th	Cody Baines
10 th	Lilyan Gruntorad Wanda Trafford	26 th	Heather Mork Jared Paarmann
11 th	Annette DeHaven	27 th	Ben Alger
12 th	Sarah Flathers Netty Schneider	29 th	Cindy Sperry Roger Kaufman Kris Walther
13 th	Mary Garlough Cathy Paarmann Barry Anderson	30 th	Ronnie Peters Jared Wold
		31 st	Jeremy Spain Zanyel Barys



1 st	Marc & Kelly Thumann
4 th	Troy & Tiffany Paarmann
5 th	Ken & Judy Hartmann
12 th	Steven & Karen Theisen Kivian & Theresa Eschbach
13 th	Ron & Diane McVey
20 th	Wade & Patricia Niemann
21 st	Gerald & Sala Knipfer
27 th	Robert & Marjorie Paasch
29 th	John & Jill Gisel