



# Grace Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2021

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Dear Loved and Redeemed Saints of Grace!

I can't recall the number of conversations with Elliott that have gone something like this:

"Dad, I need to go to blue store?"

"Ok, why do we need to go to blue store?"

"Because we need to!"

"What for?"

"Dad, don't worry I will show you!"

"Well if you don't tell me, we cant go."

"Ok, dad..... I need a new crane."

"Why do you need a new crane?"

"Because I need one."

"Ok but why?"

"Because I am well-loved."

"Ok Elliott, let's go to the blue store."

"But why dad...why will I get a new crane?"

"Didn't you say it's because you're loved?"

"You're right dad, I am loved! That's why you give me things"

"You are very loved"

I struggle with these conversations. I think all people do. What is the correct thing to do? Is it to reward a behavior? Say if you are good, then I will buy what you want? Sure, there are times and instances in which that is a good thing, I suppose. But what tears me up on the inside, is those words, "I'm well-loved." There is nothing that my kids can do that will ever change that fact. They are loved. They know they are loved. But still, there is an internal struggle.

But then Jesus gives me quiet time. Maybe during the afternoon or maybe on a run or maybe in the silence of driving to physical therapy. He gives me time to pray. To reflect on His Word. As I reflect on God's word, I am amazed by how often I am drawn to the things Jesus gives. Isn't that how it should be? Shouldn't we take time in our days to remember what God gives to us through Jesus?

If I just took a few words to flesh out this question of what does Jesus give? I would start by saying he gives us himself. Jesus freely gives us his presence, first of course in baptism as he unites himself with us, and then by the giving of his body and his blood. It's a gift, that he gives to us. Sometimes we might ask why do we need his body and blood? Why do we need Jesus to clothe us in His righteousness? But we are constantly met with his words back to us. That we are well-loved. Not because of what we have done but because of who we are. We are a baptized child

of God. We are God's children.

As God's children, we are invited to ask "Our Father in Heaven" for the things that we need. But as I reflect on God's word, I am amazed especially in the Psalms how often David or the other writers always remind God of his steadfast love for them. In fact, a few weeks ago, we spoke Psalm 136 together, you might remember, the refrain is "Your steadfast love endures forever." In a sense, the authors of God's word are reminding God that they are well-loved by him. So shouldn't we when we pray/ask God for the things we need in our life, remind God that we are well-loved by him. In fact, in Jonah, it is this reminder of God's love for his people that he ends up relenting from his desire to destroy Nineveh. Yet, it was through God's love that he gave the people of Nineveh the exact thing they needed, forgiveness for their actions. And it is the same for us. God's perfect gift comes from his enduring love for us. That he gives us what we need.

Yet, I struggle in those conversations with Elliott. You're probably thinking that I am a soft, rollover parent. Who allows my kids to tug on the strings of my heart. To be honest, you are right, three simple words can do that to me. Hearing my children say, "I'm well-loved." Granted I am the one who taught them those words. After they asked why they got their toys. Or got their ice cream. Or got their kinder egg. Or they got a soda from the "green" gas station. (Which is MJ's East) Or whatever else they get when we go to a store and come home with something that they desire. Yet, I know that I am teaching my children about the greatness of God's love for them. That just as they ask Emily and me, that they too can go to God and Jesus for the things they need. Will God always answer his prayers, absolutely God will. Just not always that the way that Elliott and his sisters will always want to hear. Just as I don't always give in to the things he wants, but most of the time we do.

Yet they are growing to know that they are loved. You are loved. God shows you this love every day, every time we gather as the body of Christ, and all the moments that we have family and friends who remind us that we are well-loved. Because you are very loved Jesus! Who comes to give you his perfect gifts to remind you of his everlasting love for you!

In the service of Jesus,  
Pastor Eric

**Special Gifts Given Include:**

In loving memory of Harry Hansen \$20 has been given to Grace Church.  
In loving memory of Harlan Meyer \$20 has been given to Grace Church.  
In loving memory of Agnes Roseland \$20 has been given to Grace Church.  
In loving memory of Chuck Goddard \$35 has been given to Grace Church.  
In loving memory of Sylvia Goddard \$5 has been given to Grace Church.  
In loving memory of Sarah Ackerman \$10 has been given to the A/V Upgrade.  
In loving memory of Edwin Lett \$20 has been given to Grace Preschool.  
In loving memory of John Burken \$20 has been given to Grace Preschool.  
In loving memory of John Thiede \$20 has been given to Grace Church and \$200 to Grace Camp.

**Round-Up At Randy's**

When you shop at Randy's September 27 through October 3, please "Round-up for Grace Camp". All monies collected will be used towards the new outdoor chapel.

Thanks!

The "Little White" Church will be out through September to collect donations for OctoberFeast, which will be held on Sunday, October 10th, serving from 3:30 to 7:00 p.m.

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



**Baptized on August 22, 2021**

— Warden Jesse Spain, son of Jesse & Jenna Spain. His sponsors are Jason Spain and Jessica Olson. Welcome to God's Family.

**SERVING THIS MONTH:**

**The Elders:** Sunday's 8:00 AM Leon Doescher  
10:30 AM Scott Steffens  
Wednesday 7:00 PM Ray Ackermann

**The Organist:** Diana Baetke

**The Acolytes**

**September 5th**

8:00 AM Kinley Birt/Keaton Birt  
10:30 AM Jackson Butler/Ashlynn Appleby

**September 12th**

8:00 AM Wyatt Jensen/Kiptin Barys  
10:30 AM Hudson Krukow/Grace Burzlaff

**September 19th**

8:00 AM Mallory McMahon/Ashdon Converse  
10:30 AM Ashlie Oronzio/Brayden Lawrence

**September 26th**

8:00 AM Ashton Schneider/Easton Meyer  
10:30 AM Landre Ruggeberg Benjamin Paarmann



Family and friend are invited to come help us celebrate.

*Friday, Sept. 24th*  
5:30 to 8:00 pm  
*Buzzy's in Welton, IA*



All kids in grades 3rd, 4th & 5th grade are invited to join us for our September Club345 event! Bring a friend and join us for a fun scavenger hunt on **Sunday September 12th from 2-4pm** at the Gym Building at Grace Camp. Please help us spread the word! Please contact Rachael Vopatek or Amy Meyers with any questions.



Fall Worship Times begin Sunday, September 5th.

**Sunday Worship**

8:00 a.m. @ Grace Church  
10:30 a.m. @ Grace Church

**Wednesday Worship**

7:00 p.m.

**PLEASE NOTE**

Sunday School and Adult Bible Study will begin on Sunday, September 12th at 9:15 a.m.

Adult Bible study will be held in Grace Hall.



**GRACE FAMILY PICNIC POTLUCK**

ALL members of Grace are encouraged to join us for a Family Picnic Potluck on Sunday September 26th AT NOON. Bring a dish to share (main dish, salad or side dish). Feel free to bring a dessert too if you wish. We will meet at the Pavilion at Grace Camp to enjoy food and fellowship. Lemonade and water will be provided as will plates, napkins and utensils. This event is being organized by our Board of Christian Education and Board of Discipleship. We hope to see you there!



# Sunday School

Begins Sunday, September 12th

9:15 am to 10:15 am

Children 3yrs - 12th Grade

Register online - [gracedewitt.org](http://gracedewitt.org)

## Grace Ev. Lutheran Church Sunday School Program 2021-2022 Teaching Staff

3 & 4 Year old children	Katelyn Good	Room 28	(upstairs)
Kindergarten	Elyce Burzlaff	Room 30	(upstairs)
1st Grade	Abbie Jensen	Room 24	(upstairs)
2nd Grade	Alivia Burzlaff	Room 29	(upstairs)
3rd Grade	Emily Obermann	Room 25	(upstairs)
4th Grade	Jill Gisel & Team Teacher	Overflow	(upstairs)
5th Grade	Donovan Good	Room 4 & 5	
6th & 8th Grade	Barry & Kristy Engelkes	Room 1 & 2	

### High School Program:

9th -12th Grade Mark Sperry, DCE Meeting Room 1

There is a Sunday School Teachers meeting scheduled for Monday, August 30th beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Grace Hall.

Sunday School offering will be used to help send gift-filled shoeboxes to Operation Christmas Child.

**WHAT IS OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD?** Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief and evangelism organization headed by Franklin Graham. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Since 1993 Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 168 million shoeboxes to children in over 160 countries and territories. For many of these children, the gift-filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received.

The offering will be used to purchase shoeboxes, fees for shipping, and include "The Greatest Journey" for each box purchased.

More ways on how you help support the Sunday School's Operation Christmas Child Mission will be coming soon.



# THANK YOU!

Thank you to all those who supported and helped out with the RAGBRAI supper we hosted. To all the pie and dessert bakers; to those who set up and took down tables and chairs; to those ladies who made and baked the pasta; and men who baked the breadsticks; to those who served the food and drinks; those who picked up trays and cleared tables; those who greeted the bikers at the door; to the families who walked the street and park with flyers and trays of pies; and to all who donated financially thank you and God Bless you all.  
The Camp and Discipleship Board

*Side note: We served around 500 hungry bicyclists with a free-will offering of \$3737.*

Thank you to everyone who assisted with Summer Camp Registration. Your time and assistance were greatly appreciated.  
Blessings to You, Kerry

Sending a great big thank you to the endowment committee and supporters of the endowment program for the grants awarded to Sunday School. In 2020, an endowment grant allowed us to purchase new tables for the downstairs Sunday School wing. In 2021, a grant enabled us to purchase two new TVs and carts. We are so grateful for this new equipment and greatly appreciate the generosity.

THANK THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who helped in any way with the feeding of the Summer Camp attendees!! Whether you donated food, helped with the shopping and preparing of the food, helped with setting up, serving, and clean-up it was all greatly appreciated!!! What a great group of volunteers!!! Thanks again!

(PS: Thank you to those who, when we weren't cooking for camp, were working on the meat and pasta for RAGBRAI! Next year, we will make time to play Arizona Spaghetti !)

## THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

On behalf of the **150** plus children, counselors, and staff who attended Grace's 37th Annual Summer Camp, I wanted to say thank you, and may God bless you for your service. Without all the help, donations, and especially prayers, we couldn't do things like this. Grace is truly a loving and supportive congregation!

Mark Sperry, DCE

Thank you to everyone who helped sand, stain, varnish, clean, and restore the sanctuary pews to their natural beauty. Your time, dedication, and assistance with this project were very much appreciated. You are all awesome.



During Vacation Bible School, "Mystery Island," we challenged all the children to collect treasure. Treasure, for their treasure boxes. Every day of VBS children and staff brought their offerings and placed them inside a larger treasure box. This treasure was collected and then sent to the "Children's Hunger Fund." The Children's Hunger Fund (CHF) provides food and the hope of the gospel to hungry children in the US and across the globe. Through their *Treasure Hunt*, they collected \$1,244.46. The treasure collected will provide children with over 4,977 meals. The Bible says that giving generously to the poor is giving generously to God Himself (Proverbs 19:17). Our VBS children and their families did an amazing job collecting treasure. Thank you for your generosity.

Dear Church *family*,  
It's time for a New Directory!



*Celebrating faith.  
Connecting families.  
Sharing hope.*

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

*Directory Committee*

## *Connections Event*

***Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.***

- **Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at church or simply go online and follow the instructions below.** If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- **Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!**
- **Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church!** You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

Set your appointment with Universal today!



*Gathering families,  
Connecting generations.*



**Photography Dates:** Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> – 2 to 8:30 pm - Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup> – 2 to 8:30 pm - Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup> – 2 to 8:30 pm - Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> – 10 to 4:00 pm

### **Online Scheduling Available!**

To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com), click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter **ia133** in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family please use 2 consecutive time slots. The online scheduling option is available Monday through Friday. **Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.**





Time is ticking down. On Wednesday, September 8th we will begin getting pictures taken for the new Church Photo Directory. We are encouraging all members to participate. This is a great opportunity to get your family picture taken. If you schedule a photo appointment you will get a free 8x10 photo and Photo Directory. During your appointment, you will choose the photos you would like to purchase, or if you chose not to purchase that is okay too.

If you are not able to get your photo taken during these scheduled times, but would like to have your family's photo included in the directory you can do that too. Simply choose the photo you would like and either bring it to the church office so we can scan it or send a digital photo to [kgood@gracedewitt.org](mailto:kgood@gracedewitt.org). The cost for submitting a photo is \$15. If you submit a picture you will also receive a Photo Directory

**Volunteers are needed** to help check-in members who are getting their picture taken for the pictorial. If you are available on Wednesday, September 8th, Thursday, September 9th, Friday, September 10th, or Saturday, September 11th, please take a moment to see the sign-up sheet located on the table in the foyer. There are many shifts available. If you have questions, please speak with Traci Butler or another member of the Discipleship Board.

**The 2021 Altar Flower calendar is now available.** To sign up please see the Altar Flower book located on the Welcome Center. Bouquets can be donated in honor of or in memory of persons or events. Each bouquet is \$27 and there are two bouquets available each week. Please sign up for your preferred dates and place your payment in the secretary's door. You may purchase one or both bouquets.

**Flower Dates Available:**

October 3rd & 24th

November 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th

December 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th

**COMMUNITY NEWS:**

The Central DeWitt Community High School Class of 1970 cordially invites you to join them in screening one of their classmate's newest documentaries, *A Reckoning in Boston*. James Rutenbeck was raised in DeWitt and now lives in the Boston area. During his career James has become a noted documentary film producer, director, and editor; winning awards in each category. *A Reckoning in Boston* deals with racism and economic inequality as seen through the eyes of two black residents. Initially planning on staying behind the camera, James soon realized during filming that he could not be just a witness but must speak up as well.

This special event will be held at The Operahouse in DeWitt on Saturday, September 18, at 1:00 p.m. General admission tickets will be \$10 and sold at the door on a first-come/first-served basis. Doors open at 12:30 p.m.

James has graciously waived the typical fees for a screening so that all profit will go to the DeWitt Theater Company. In case you are unaware, The Operahouse operates under the guidance of the DeWitt Theater Company which cares for the building.

Please join us for this screening and see why Harvard professor, Cornel West, described it as a "powerful film that lays bare the transformative forces of the humanities on our lives in this turbulent and troubling times." In reviewing the film, Boston movie critic Gerald Peary says, "James has long been one of New England's best documentarians." He later says, "In equal parts muckraking and heartbreaking, *A Reckoning in Boston* is the anti-City Hall."

## **NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

The 2022 NYG is less than a year away, so it's time to start making plans to attend. This is open to all students who are in 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades for the 2021-2022 school year. The meeting will take place **Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>** immediately following the late worship service.

## **SENIOR HIGH BIBLE STUDY**

Begins September 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm at the Sperry's home (1315 Maple Wood Ct, DeWitt). If you need the address or directions, please let us know.

## **SENIOR HIGH DISTRICT GATHERING**

The Iowa District West sponsored youth gathering will be held November 19<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> in Des Moines. For those youth in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades that are interested in going, registration forms now available. For your planning purposes, the cost per person is \$ 235.00, which covers all fees, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, banquet on Saturday night, plus two night of lodging. The registration deadline is Sunday, September 12th at this time the registration form and the deposit of \$125 is due. Please contact DCE Mark Sperry if you have any questions.

## **Glory Bound Choir is Back!**

If you've been wanting to....if you've been thinking about it....NOW is the time to give it a try!

We meet Wednesdays at 7:00 pm at church. [Location to be determined.]

**Our first rehearsal for the season is Wednesday, September 8th! Due to the Grace Hall being used for the pictorial we will be having rehearsal at Grace Camp in the Andrew Building.**

Come join in on the FUN while we sing to God's glory!



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## **Mark Your Calendar Oct, 1-3**

Watch the News & Notes for more information on ways to volunteer and the opportunity to come and work beside these young men and women in the Concordia Chicago Christian Ed programs.

Grace Church and Grace Camp have the opportunity to host the Concordia Chicago Christian Education Students and faculty members October 1st - 3rd. We are anticipating between 80 - 90 people. We would like to have a variety of snacks in the retreat centers for when they arrive on Friday night. Sign-up sheets will be available in September for you to sign up for snacks, cookies, drinks, fruit....think 20-year-old college student!! If you have any questions, call the church office. Thank you in advance.



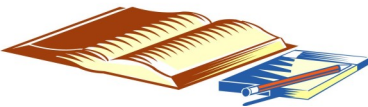
Bell Choir will be starting in September! I'm excited to welcome new and returning members. Practices will be held at 6 PM in the choir loft on Wednesdays. The first rehearsal will be September 15. If you would like to join or have any questions, call or text me at 563-212-8814 or e-mail me at [dswansole@gmail.com](mailto:dswansole@gmail.com). If you want to join and can't read music, I would be happy to work with you and have a "cheat sheet" to help with marking music.





October Voter's Meeting  
Monday, October 4, 2021  
7:00 pm in Grace Hall

Agenda: Approve 2022 Budget  
Vote on Board Members

*Confirmation Class* 

For 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grades  
Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>  
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

6th Grade	Gayle Fuller	Room 1 & 2
7th Grade	Mark Sperry, DCE	Meeting Rm 1
8th Grade	Pastor Obermann	Overflow

Are you looking for cards? There is a variety of sympathy, thinking of you, get well, birthday cards, and much more available for purchase upstairs in the foyer. Please, take a moment to see the wide assortment of cards and napkins on display.

### SAVE THE DATE

Last year's Trunk or Treat was a huge success so we are bringing it back again this year! Mark your calendars for SATURDAY OCTOBER 30TH from 1-3pm. We will be looking for lots of people to host trunks. How does it work? Bring your vehicle and some treats to pass out to all the Trunk or Treating kids. To make things even more fun, decorate your vehicle or even have a theme. Last year was so much fun seeing all the participants vehicles and the kids had a blast. If you'd like to sign up to host a trunk, please be sure to let Kerry Good know so we can plan for how many vehicles will participate. Kids are welcome to invite friends to join them at our Trunk or Treat. 🍬

### LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF 2021 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.

***We are asking for school kits to be packaged individually. In a large zip lock baggie.***

#### **School Kit Supplies:**

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 1/2" (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 1/2" eraser

All items must be new and unused. Completed, individual, kits can be left in the tote located in the foyer.

Thank you for your support!  
The Lutheran Women's Missionary League - Grace Lutheran Church

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

## *October Feast*

Sunday, October 10th  
Serving 3:30-7:00 PM

### MENU

By Matthiesen's Catering

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

TICKETS : *Adult \$12*  
*Children 5-10 years old - \$5*  
*Children under 5 years old - Free*



*Carry-out available*

**The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod**  
**LCMS Stewardship Ministry**

“Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might” (Eccl 9:10).

God bids us to be faithful in the tasks He calls us to do. He calls us to be members of a family (husbands and wives; fathers and mothers; sons and daughters). He calls us to be members of society (those who govern and those who are governed). And He calls us to be members of His family, the Church (those who preach and teach and those who hear and learn). Each of these callings from God places a duty on us.

As members of a family, husbands are given the duty to die for their wives as Christ gave His life for His bride, the Church; while wives are given the duty to respect their husbands and submit themselves to them as the Church does to Christ. Fathers and mothers are to raise their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord, teaching them the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, and the Scriptures concerning Baptism, Confession, the Office of the Keys, and the Lord’s Supper. Children are to honor their parents throughout their lives, and even when their parents are no longer alive, serving and obeying them, loving and cherishing them, and speaking well of them.

As members of society, God calls those who govern to bear the sword, that is, to punish those who do evil (those who live contrary to God’s will) and to reward those who do good (those whose lives are lived in conformity with God’s will). Those who are governed are to obey their leaders as to the Lord Himself, for their leaders bear the sword of God’s temporal justice for a purpose.

As members of God’s own family, the Church, He calls those who preach and teach to do so in faithfulness to His holy Word. To preach and teach the Law of God to convict the hearts of hearers of their sin and to encourage, admonish, and exhort them to do good works in accordance with God’s will. They are to preach and teach the Gospel, the full forgiveness of their sins accomplished by Christ and received through faith, not by works. They are to administer the means of grace in accordance with the Gospel and the Word of God. They do all this for the young and old alike, for those who are near and far off. Those who hear and learn are to submit themselves to their preachers and teachers. They are support them by their prayers and their gifts.

Each of these callings from God place a duty on us. They make a claim on our presence; on our prayers; and our time, talents, and treasures. So, “Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might” (Eccl 9:10). Pray for your family, your government, and your church. Give of yourself by means of your time, your talents, and your treasures to your family, your government, and your Church. That is what it means to be faithful in the tasks that God has given us. That is what it means to do it with all your might.

WHATEVER YOUR HAND  
*finds to do,*  
DO IT WITH ALL  
*your might.*

Ecclesiastes 9:10



We are excited to start the school year with twenty-four 4-year-olds and sixteen 3-year-olds! Every preschool spot is full, what a blessing that is. This month we will

be learning all about me, family and friends, exploring our senses and apples. We will be taking time to get to know our teachers and students, spend time learning our schedule and routines, as well as learning class rules.

We welcome Miss Ramesha Goodall to the pre-school staff as our new 3-year-old assistant. Miss Ramesha lives in DeWitt, has a background in early childhood education and is eager to meet all the students, and work with the other staff to provide fun quality education for our students.

October 2nd through the 9th I will be going with the Belize Mission Society to Scine Bight. This years project is to supply running shoes to the students of St. Alphonse School in the village. Needed sizes are youth 1 1/2 through 4 1/2, women 5 and 6, and men's size 7.

I will also be making home health visits and will need the following supplies:

- Sterile Dressings
- Antibiotic Ointment
- Antifungal Cream
- Liquid Infant Vitamins
- Adult Vitamins for Pregnant Mothers

Donations can be left in the basket in the foyer. Thank you for your support.

Allison LaFevers



The Funeral Committee is looking to update their list of volunteers who are available to assist with funeral luncheons. If you (including women, men and teens or younger) are interested in volunteering your time and talent to help with funeral lunches, we ask that you fill out the following form and return it to the church office by September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Days Available: M T W Th F S

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Days Available: M T W Th F S

If unable to assist with serving, would you be willing to provide a salad or dessert as needed?


Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please take a moment to fill out this form and turn it into the Church office. Thank you!**





# SEPTEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Traditional Worship/Communion Grace Camp <b>10:00 AM</b> Praise Worship/Communion @ Grace Camp <b>4:00 PM</b> NYG22 Informational Meeting @ the G*Y*M Building <b>5:00 PM</b> Back-2-School Blast @ Grace Camp	<b>30</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> S. S. Teachers Meeting	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>5:30 PM</b> Confirmation <b>7:00 PM</b> Worship	<b>2</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Tops Meeting	<b>3</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Trustees Board Meeting	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> "Mites" Sunday <b>8:00 AM</b> Traditional Worship/Communion <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Worship/Communion	<b>6</b>  Office Closed - No School <b>1:00 PM</b> 500 Card Club	<b>7</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Elders Meeting	<b>8</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> Finance Board Meeting <b>2:00 PM</b> Pictorial Picture Day <b>5:30 PM</b> Confirmation <b>7:00 PM</b> Glory Bound Choir @ Andrew (Grace Camp) <b>7:00 PM</b> Sr. High Bible Study <b>7:00 PM</b> Worship	<b>9</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Tops Meeting <b>2:00 PM</b> Pictorial Picture Day	<b>10</b> <b>2:00 PM</b> Pictorial Picture Day	<b>11</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Clinton Zone LWML Fall Retreat @ Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca <b>10:00 AM</b> Pictorial Picture Day
<b>12</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Traditional Worship <b>9:15 AM</b> Sunday School & Adult Bible Study <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship <b>11:30 AM</b> NYG22 Informational Meeting <b>2:00 PM</b> CLUB345 - Scavenger Hunt	<b>13</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Council Meeting	<b>14</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Preschool Board Meeting	<b>15</b> Newsletter Deadline <b>7:30 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>5:30 PM</b> Confirmation <b>6:00 PM</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal <b>7:00 PM</b> Glory Bound Choir <b>7:00 PM</b> Sr. High Bible Study <b>7:00 PM</b> Worship	<b>16</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Tops Meeting	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Traditional Worship/Communion <b>9:15 AM</b> Sunday School & Adult Bible Study <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Worship/Communion <b>11:45 AM</b> Youth Ministry 101	<b>20</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> 500 Card Club <b>7:00 PM</b> Youth Board Meeting	<b>21</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Camp Board Meeting	<b>22</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Sewing Ladies <b>5:30 PM</b> Confirmation <b>6:00 PM</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal <b>7:00 PM</b> Glory Bound Choir <b>7:00 PM</b> Sr. High Bible Study <b>7:00 PM</b> Worship	<b>23</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Tops Meeting	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Traditional Worship <b>9:15 AM</b> Sunday School & Adult Bible Study <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship <b>12:00 PM</b> Family Picnic @ Grace Camp	<b>27</b> Randy's Round-Up for Grace Camp <b>6:30 PM</b> Board of Christian Education	<b>28</b> Randy's Round-Up for Grace Camp	<b>29</b> Randy's Round-Up for Grace Camp <b>5:30 PM</b> Confirmation <b>6:00 PM</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal <b>7:00 PM</b> Glory Bound Choir <b>7:00 PM</b> Sr. High Bible Study <b>7:00 PM</b> Worship	<b>30</b> Randy's Round-Up for Grace Camp <b>9:00 AM</b> Tops Meeting	<b>1</b> Randy's Round-Up for Grace Camp <b>8:00 AM</b> Trustees Board Meeting	<b>2</b> Randy's Round-Up for Grace Camp

# Happy Birthday!

1 <sup>st</sup>	Shane Lane	15 <sup>th</sup>	Larry Mork	28 <sup>th</sup>	Claus Maass
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Todd McWilliams		Elaine Schoening		Eric Vetter
4 <sup>th</sup>	Fred Thiede	16 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Howell		Trevor McMahon
5 <sup>th</sup>	Donald Hesse		Colby Azinger		Stella McCormick
	Jenny Kreiter	17 <sup>th</sup>	Terry Frahm		McLain Ketelsen
6 <sup>th</sup>	Erin Schlotfeldt		Emmeline Feldpausch		Jennifer Thiede
7 <sup>th</sup>	Joyce Henningsen	18 <sup>th</sup>	Myrna Hass	29 <sup>th</sup>	Karen Kuehl
	Adam Reed		Joshua Dahl	30 <sup>th</sup>	Cathy Ingwersen
	Allison Foote		Ken Jackson		Jessica Sunday
9 <sup>th</sup>	Justin Speth	19 <sup>th</sup>	William McGimpsey, Jr.		Hillary Drury
10 <sup>th</sup>	Cole Block	20 <sup>th</sup>	Steven Schatz		
	Megan Friederichs	21 <sup>st</sup>	Shirley Garrity		
11 <sup>th</sup>	Kyle Pillers		David Wold		
	Joellyn McDonnell		Karley Erps		
12 <sup>th</sup>	Steven Smith		Cindy Koeppel		
	Samuel Stowe	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Peggy Schlotfeldt		
	Kati Garrity		Ashlyn Appleby		
13 <sup>th</sup>	Shannon Williams		Tyler Gaston		
	Tory Ketelsen		Victoria Gaston		
	Michele Gruntorad		Barbara Miles		
	Jake Gruntorad	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Leah McCausland		
	Abigail Jensen		Marjorie Paasch		
	Madeline Johnson		Carleigh Tobey		
	Casey Kreiter	24 <sup>th</sup>	Becky R. Kirby		
	Jaime McDonough	25 <sup>th</sup>	Deborah Lange		
	Porter Vopatek	26 <sup>th</sup>	Wayne Grantz		
14 <sup>th</sup>	Cindy Jacobsen	27 <sup>th</sup>	Vallene Olson		
			Carson Tobey		



1 <sup>st</sup>	Mark & Barbara Henningsen
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Allan & Sandy Anderson
	Randy & Danette LaBarge
	Kim & Shawn Wright
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Terry & Deborah Daniels
8 <sup>th</sup>	Nathan & Elyce Billany

10 <sup>th</sup>	Travis & JoEllen Ketelsen
	Jeff & Cheryl Housman
	Ryan & Julia Lieferman
11 <sup>th</sup>	Chad & Colette Christensen
12 <sup>th</sup>	Richard & Julie Kuehn
14 <sup>th</sup>	David & Becky Kirby
	Roger & Cheryl Kaufman
15 <sup>th</sup>	Lukasz & Kindra Barys
	Jason & Angie Hill
17 <sup>th</sup>	T.J. & Hollie Appleby
21 <sup>st</sup>	Chad & Michelle Tobey
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Jerry & Tammy Mickelson
25 <sup>th</sup>	Steven & Denise Smith
28 <sup>th</sup>	Todd & Coleen Hughes
30 <sup>th</sup>	Ronald & Donna Steward