



Grace News

LCMS Stewardship

Follow Him in Generosity

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Our Savior calls us to follow Him in generosity. “For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you” (John 13:15). We cannot give our lives for the salvation of the world, of course. Praise God, that job is already done! But with hearts full of thanksgiving for what Jesus has given us, we can follow His example of generous giving. And Jesus’ generosity is not merely an example. Our Lord also commands us to act according to our gifts: “The one who contributes, [let him give] in generosity” (Rom. 12:8).

So, when we bring offerings to the Lord, we should strive to heed His command and follow the pattern He has established for us. Jesus did not give us leftovers. He gave His best. We should not give leftovers, either, but the first and best of what He has given us. Jesus did not give as an afterthought — He gave according to the plan of salvation God established from the foundation of the world. So, when it comes to our own offerings, we should make a thoughtful plan to give generously, in proportion to the way He has blessed us. Like the Macedonian Christians, who gave according to their ability, and even beyond their ability (2 Cor. 8:3), we should honor the Lord by giving a generous portion of the income that God provides us.

We should also give freely, just as Jesus gave freely for us. There is no compulsion involved in our works of love and our offerings to the Lord. We do not give grudgingly, but willingly and cheerfully, each “as he has decided in his heart,” as the Lord says (2 Cor. 9:7). There is no New Testament ceremonial law involved here. Rather, we are free to give as generously as our Savior has given for us!

In the same way, our Lord teaches us to give generously out of our love for Him and for our neighbor. Jesus shows us that genuine love

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Sunday Services

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Pastor Merle Warnsholz

Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

Sundays at 9:15 am

Last Day will be on May 10th.

Office Hours

M-Th 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
Closed on Fridays

Office Ph: 563-659-9153
Email: kgood@gracedewitt.org

LWML Mites

Mites Collection
Sunday, May 10th

Please leave your donation
inside the box located on the
foyer table.

Newsletter Deadline

If you would like to submit
articles for the June
Newsletter, they will need to be
submitted by May 15th.
kgood@gracedewitt.org

 **RaiseRight**
GIFT CARD PROGRAM



**Youth Fundraiser
Order Due May 10th**

Order forms are located on the
Welcome Center.

SERVING THIS MONTH:

The Elders: Sunday's 8:00 am Paul Kirby
10:30 am Jon Betz

The Organist: Diana Baetke

The Acolytes

May 3rd

8:00 am Kinley Albrecht
10:00 am Zanyel Barys

May 10th

8:00 am Gavin Birt
10:00 am Cade & Kitt Converse

May 17th

8:00 am Brady Dies
10:00 am Leo Hill

May 31st

8:00 am Ava Johnson
10:30 am Cameron Miller

Special Gifts Given Include:

In memory of Bev Schrader, \$155 was given to Grace Preschool and \$25 to the organ fund.

In memory of Rodney Wold, \$20 was given to Grace Preschool and \$25 to the AV fund.

In memory of Terri Shelton, \$400 was given to Grace Camp.

In memory of Jill Jepsen, \$20 was given to Grace Preschool.

In memory of Brad Anderson, \$20 was given to Grace Preschool.

CHURCH VOTERS' MEETING



Mark your calendar for our May Voter's Meeting! Please join us on Monday, May 4th at 7:00 pm. The agenda includes Board Reports and the approval of the 26/27 Preschool Budget.



Please join us on Thursday, May 21st @ 6 pm to raise the flags at Church in honor of Memorial Day. We will take the flags down on Tuesday, May 26th at 8 am.

If it is raining or has been raining, please call the church office to confirm we are proceeding with this.

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is always love "in deed" (1 John 3:18). It is love that sees our neighbor in need and gives generously to help him. It is love that hears the Word of the Lord and does what it says. If we truly love, we give generously. If we give without love, our giving is not truly following Jesus.

Finally, we follow Jesus in generosity when we support His Gospel ministry and other works of mercy. The people of Israel gave generously to construct and support the operation of the tabernacle, for that was the place where the Lord received the Old Testament sacrifices, through which He bestowed the forgiveness of sins on His people. So, they gave abundantly, so abundantly that they had to be told to stop giving! (Ex. 36:5-6). In the same way, we should bring generous offerings to support the Lord's work. We support our congregations in the preaching of His Word, Baptism and the Lord's Supper, which bestow His gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation, and we take care of those who are poor and needy.

Our Savior calls us to follow His example in generous giving. Let us then, with thankful hearts, rededicate ourselves to following Him in generosity.

You are joyfully invited to celebrate the marriage of

Kristen Flathers & Christian Teigum

Saturday, May 2nd

**@ Grace Lutheran Church
Ceremony begins at 3:00 PM**

All members of the church are warmly welcomed to witness and share in this sacred moment as Kristen and Christian begin their life together.

We hope you can join us in celebrating this joyful occasion!

In Memory of:

Beverly Jean Schrader

Mrs. Beverly J. Schrader, 89 of DeWitt, Iowa, died peacefully Thursday evening, March 26, 2026, at Maggie's House Assisted Living, DeWitt where she had resided for the past several years.

Bev was born Beverly Jean Collier July 5, 1936, at rural LeClaire, Iowa. Her parents were the late Charles and Ida (Andersen) Collier. She married Glenn Joseph Schrader April 1, 1955 in LeClaire. The couple resided at rural DeWitt where they farmed and raised their daughter and three sons. Bev was employed as a custodian at Grace Lutheran Church, DeWitt for many years, a position that she dearly loved, dedicating herself in service to her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Bev was a longtime member of Grace Lutheran Church where she was active in the Bell Choir and numerous other activities. She belonged to Grace Lutheran Women where she made many quilts and organized funeral luncheons for numerous years. She loved Yorkie's and enjoyed the new friends she made at Maggie's House and their activities, especially the weekly bus outings.

Her family includes a daughter, Wendy Studer of Centerville, Iowa; a son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Cheryl Schrader of DeWitt; a son and daughter-in-law, Joseph and Tina Schrader of Texas; grandchildren, great-grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, Bev was preceded in death by her husband, Glenn on April 26, 2009; a son, John Paul Schrader on February 6, 2012; a son-in-law, Jim Studer; brothers, George Collier and Edward Collier and a sister, June Schnoor.

Rodney Orville Wold

Mr. Rodney O. "Rod" Wold, 83, of DeWitt, Iowa, died Friday morning, March 27, 2026, in the comfort of his home.

Rodney Orville Wold was born June 23, 1942, in Hillsboro, Wisconsin, to the late Orville and Lois (Weber) Wold. The family resided in there prior to moving to DeWitt where Rod graduated from High

School. He married Diane Rae Busch, June 10, 1967, at Grace Lutheran Church, DeWitt. This union was blessed with a daughter, Lisa Lynn. The couple owned and operated Wold's Petro Stop in DeWitt, a place where Rodney found great joy as he was still tinkering with projects at the time of his death. He was employed by Central Community Schools as a bus driver and mechanic for 30 plus years, another occupation he thoroughly enjoyed. When it came to mechanics, he was one of the best. Diane preceded Rodney in death on November 18, 2015.

He was a lifelong member of Grace Lutheran Church, DeWitt. Rod greatly enjoyed visiting with people, especially at car shows with his Ford, Ltd., which he took great pride in.

His family includes his daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Josh Ivanoff and their son, Jakob of Anna, Texas; siblings, David Wold and his wife, Barb of DeWitt, Jack Wold and his wife, Cindy of Donahue, Iowa, and Sharon Wold of DeWitt; brothers-in-law and sister-in-law; Kenneth and Karen Fanderclai of Fulton, Illinois, Cheryl Koenes of Comanche, Iowa, and Alan, Sr. and Julie Busch of Clinton, Iowa; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents and wife, Rodney was preceded in death by nephews, Doug Wold, Dennis Wold, John Wold, Brian Mumm and Jim Pawski; great-nephews, Justin Wold and Lucas Jewett; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Vernie and Dorothy Busch; and brothers-in-law and a sister-in-law, Dennis Busch, Larry Busch and LaRaine and Dennis Mumm.

Jill D. Jepsen of DeWitt, 71, lived a life devoted to her Faith, family and country. Jill passed away peacefully at home on April 15, 2026, surrounded by family and is now with her Lord and Savior.

Jill Doreen Schroeder was born July 26, 1954, in DeWitt, Iowa, to Hobart and Joan (Gool) Schroeder. On September 2, 1954, she was one of the first babies to be baptized in the then-new building at Grace Lutheran Church. Jill grew up

in Jackson County, where she graduated from Preston High School. She married Tom Jepsen on July 18, 1971. They were blessed with two daughters and 54 loving years of marriage.

Jill was a current member of Grace Lutheran, DeWitt, a member of the Altar Guild, taught Vacation Bible School at Grace Camp, and volunteered at the Victory Center. She loved Bible Study and fellowship with her church family. She previously taught Sunday School. Her Bible was her guide for life, and she relished time in it. Jill always tried to follow Christ's example and placed others above herself, all for the glory of God.

Jill was totally devoted to her husband, Tom, daughters Nicole and Tricia, son-in-law, Doug, three grandchildren, Nicholas, Benjamin, and Emma, sister, Judi (John) Henningsen, brother, Tim (Cheryl) Schroeder, and her extended family. Jill loved Thanksgiving and Christmas family celebrations. She loved traveling to visit family members and attending events in Ames at Iowa State University with family. Jill was welcomed into heaven by her daughter, Nicole Jill Jepsen, her parents, and two brothers.

Jill served as a member and Chaplain of the Lawrence Van Hook Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). She was an avid history buff and devoted time to restoring Patriot tombstones. Jill was one-eighth Cheyenne Indian and honored by her American Indian heritage.

Bradley Anderson, 90, of DeWitt, Iowa, passed away peacefully on Friday, April 17, 2026, in his home, surrounded by family.

Bradley George Anderson was born August 3, 1935, in West Union, Iowa, the only child of George and Ruth (Christianson) Anderson. After graduating from Parkersburg High School, he received his BA from Iowa State Teachers College and later his MA from the University of Northern Iowa. He taught in the Central DeWitt School System for over 35 years, retiring in 1994. Brad married Carol Brauer on November 16, 1963. They resided in DeWitt, raising two children.

He is survived by his wife, Carol; children, Kelly (Marc) Thumann of DeWitt, and Mark (Stephanie) Anderson of Grimes; grandchildren, Jake

Thumann, Gabby (Brody) Lloyd, Garrett Anderson, and Drew Anderson; great-grandchildren, Georgette, Jasper, and Buck Lloyd.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

The 2026 Altar Flower calendar is on the Welcome Center. Bouquets can be donated in honor of or in memory of persons or events. Each bouquet is \$30 and there are two bouquets available each week. Please sign up for your preferred dates and place your payment in the secretary's door. You may purchase one or both bouquets.

The following dates are available:

June 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

July 26th

August 2nd, 16th, 23rd

September 20th, 27th

October 4th, 18th

November 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

December 13th, 27th

We hope to have flowers every week, but we know that there are Sundays when the arrangements will be spoken for. It is these Sundays when you will not see arrangements on the altar. To assist the church in making arrangements, there is another way you can help. Donate money to our flower fund. We will then use the money in the flower fund to cover the cost of flowers when they have not been spoken for.

***** Remember**, we can only provide flowers when there is money in this fund. If you do not see flowers on a Sunday flowers were not spoken for and the Flower Fund does not have money in it.

Grace Lutheran Church 2026 Endowment Grants:

Belize Mission Trip (Amy Meyers)	\$ 500.00
National Youth Gathering	\$ 500.00
Women of Grace Retreat Exp	\$ 500.00
Welton Chapel Railings	\$ 980.00
Preschool Smart Board	\$ 2,000.00

May 21, 2026 Victory Center Service Event

Once again, thank you to everyone who contributed to the meal, helped serve, and prayed for our April service event at the Victory Center in Clinton. Our next service event meal will be on May 21st. We are planning to serve up to 60 people and allow for seconds. If you haven't volunteered to help with some part of one of these meals, please prayerfully consider being involved in some way. Men are encouraged to join us in this mission, especially in serving the meal.

All food needs to be prepared and brought to the church by 4:00 PM on Thursday, May 21st.

Main Dish – Taco Bar

Taco meat, shells, chips, and fixings have been signed up for or donated.

Drinks

2 Volunteers

- ❖ 1 gallon of white milk
- ❖ 2 gallons of chocolate milk

Salads

4 Volunteers

Prepare a salad to serve 15 people.

Desserts

3 Volunteers

Prepare a dessert that serves 15 people.

Deliver & Serve

5 Volunteers

Needed to help deliver and serve the meal. We meet at Grace at 4 pm. Meal is served from 5pm to 6pm.

A sign-up sheet is located on the Welcome Center. Please get in touch with Kristy Engelkes at 563-210-2462 or the church office if you have any questions

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH MAY 2026 Mission SPOTLIGHT

BELIZE MISSION SOCIETY



What is the mission?

Belize Mission Society transforms lives through mercy, compassion and life together. This growing, multi-generational, network of Jesus followers visits parts of Belize that others have not, to introduce Jesus. Utilizing strengths, they meet community needs with a consistent, personal, and relational approach.

Who does it serve?

What started as Vacation Bible School in 2003 has expanded over the years to include construction, home health visits, tutoring students, adult and youth Bible study, sports camps, an elementary school feeding program and scholarship programs.

How can you help?

Throughout May, Grace church will collect financial donations, in the little white church in our foyer, to support the Food 4 Thought Program. This ministry of the BMS provides children with a daily hot, nutritious lunch and scholarship programs that pay school registration fees and school uniforms.

Several members of Grace have volunteered in Belize with the BMS including: Allison LaFavers, Denise Wold, Julie Krukow, Camilla Wold, Eli Engelkes, Amy Meyers



We are in our last month of school! Our class is going to enjoy learning about butterflies & worms! Jesus' time stories are about Zacchaeus, Jesus and the children and Jesus goes to Heaven. We are excited to have preschool hosting a Muffins with Mom morning on the 7th! Our last day of school is May 22nd. We've had a great year!!



School is coming to an end. We have had so much fun this year. To celebrate our school year, we will continue our ABC End of the Year Countdown, where there will be a special activity every day. We are also reviewing our letters, numbers, shapes, and colors. We are getting ready for Preschool Graduation on May 27th.

The Preschool Staff is currently busy finalizing all the plans for the Muffins with Mom event planned for May 7th.

On behalf of Grace Lutheran Preschool, the Preschool Board, and the Preschool Staff, we thank everyone who supported our Preschool Trivia Night Fundraiser. We appreciate everyone who donated baskets, basket items, and all the teams that came out to play trivia. Through your generosity, we raised \$2,222.00 to support technology upgrades.

We look forward to hosting another Trivia Night next year. Mark your calendar for April 10th.

The Preschool Board would like to thank the Endowment Committee for the \$2,000 Endowment Grant they were given. This grant will go toward the purchase of a new educational smart board. We are thankful for your generosity.

Grace Lutheran Preschool 2026-2027 Class Schedule

Class Schedule 2026-2027

4s M-F 8:00 - 11:00 am (16 spots)
M-F 12:00 - 3:00 pm (16 spots)

Please note that there is **NO 4s classes on Fridays.**

3s M W F 8:15 - 10:45 (4 spots) \$160 monthly
T&TH 8:15 - 10:45 (2 spots) \$120 monthly

Please note that all 3s must be potty-trained.
A non-refundable \$40 registration fee is due with the registration form.

The 3s Registration form is now available on the Preschool page of the website (www.gracedewitt.org). The registration form, along with the registration fee, may be dropped off at the church office or mailed to PO Box 156, DeWitt, IA 52742.

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



RANDY'S ROUNDUP

Grace Lutheran Preschool will be the recipient of Randy's Round-up during the week of May 4th – 10th. Proceeds will go towards technology upgrades.



Summer Worship Schedule Begins Sunday, June 7, 2025

Sunday Worship
8:00 a.m. @ Grace Church
Traditional Worship

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

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

College Graduates

Emilie Butler will be graduating from Iowa State on May 16th with a Bachelor's degree in Data Science and minors in Statistics and English.

Katelyn Edwards will be graduating from Grand Canyon University on May 1st with her Master's in Education.

2026 High School Graduates

Kinley Birt

Jackson Butler

Wyatt Jensen

Hudson Krukow

Mallary McMahon

Ashlie Oronzio

Landre Ruggenberg

Ashton Schneider

Noah Sunday

Watch for the wooden box, located in the narthex, for you to place your cards in for the Graduates! The box will be out beginning May 1st through Wednesday, May 13th.

Looking for cards? A variety of cards and napkins are available for purchase next to the Welcome Center. Please take a moment to see the wide assortment of cards displayed in the foyer.

Graduation cards have arrived!!!

Sunday School

We have had a lot of fun in Sunday School this year; sadly, we must say goodbye. Our last day of Sunday School will be held on Sunday, May 10th. The teachers have enjoyed teaching your children about the word of God and look forward to resuming in August.

Senior Recognition – May 17th

We are excited to honor the High School Senior Class of 2026 during our 8:00 AM worship service on Sunday, May 17th.

Following the service, the Board of Christian Education will host Fellowship Sunday between services. We invite you to stay, enjoy refreshments, and share your congratulations with our graduating seniors.



The Camp Board would like to extend a great big THANK YOU to everyone who came out to help at Grace Camp with picking up sticks, branches, and removing leaves. We appreciate all the help that was given to beautify the camp.



The Grace church family is invited to a Graduation Open House for Noah John on Sunday. It will take place at the DeWitt American Legion on May 16th. Times are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Grace Lutheran Church



Summer Camp 2026

Apply to be a camp counselor.

9th Grade - College

To Apply as a counselor, please follow the steps below:

1. Obtain an application form from Mark Sperry. You can either pick it up at the church or one can be emailed to you.
2. Submit the completed application to msperry@gracedewitt.org.
3. Once the application is approved, you will be contacted and given a link to register. You must wait to receive the link to register.

**REGISTRATION OPENS
JUNE 1ST**

**CONTACT INFORMATION:
msperry@gracedewitt.org
563-659-9153**

Register opens
May 1st.
www.gracedewitt.org



emerald crossing

June 22nd – June 25th

5:45 pm - 8:00 pm

@ Grace Camp (2675 242nd St., DeWitt, IA)

Children 3 years (must be potty trained) through those going into 5th grade are invited to attend.

A light meal will be served from 5:00 pm to 5:30.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – WE NEED YOU

Recruitment and planning continue for this year's VBS program. The theme is: **“Emerald Crossing”**. To make this program a success we need your help. Please check out the volunteer registration bulletin board in the atrium and consider signing up for one of the roles. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact DCE, Mark Sperry. The dates are Monday, June 22nd – Thursday, June 25th. A light meal will be served from 5:00 pm – 5:30 pm. The program will run each evening from 5:45 pm – 8:00 pm. **Registration will open on June 1st.**

There will be a Volunteer Rally on Wednesday, June 10th @ 6:00 pm at the G*Y*M Building at Grace Camp. Please put this on your calendars and plan to be there.

Grace Lutheran Summer Camp

The dates for this year's camp are Monday, July 27th through Wednesday, July 29th. This is open to students who will be in 2nd through 8th grades for the 2026-2027 school year. Please note that students entering **2nd & 3rd grade** will **NOT** be staying overnight. They will be dropped off and picked up each day. Please contact the church office at 563-659-9153 with any questions. **Registration will open on June 1st @ 7:00 pm.**

Donations Needed

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

We are in need of cookies [**NO peanuts or peanut butter**] and red pre-sweetened Kool-Aid mix for our Day Camps & Grace Summer Camp. Please consider donating one or more of these items and dropping them off in the kitchen in Grace Hall.

During Vacation Bible School, we provide kid-friendly meals for the children and their families. We will have donation sheets for items needed out in May. Watch your News & Notes for more information.



June 9 – “Cooking @ Grace” – Open to 1st through 3rd Graders
Cost \$15 **Register by May 27th**
We will meet from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. [Limited to **16** participants.]
[Please meet at Grace Church.]

June 9 – “Cooking @ Grace” – Open to 1st through 3rd Graders
Cost \$15 **Register by May 27th**
We will meet from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. [Limited to **16** participants.]
[Please meet at Grace Church.]

June 10 - “Fishing Camp” – Open to 1st through 6th Graders
Cost \$15 **Register by May 27th**
Please bring your own fishing pole and tackle. Bait will be provided. [Limited to **30** participants] 9am – 12pm
[Please wear old clothes and close-toed shoes. NO Sandals]

June 11 – “Cooking @ Grace” – Open to 4th through 6th Graders
Cost \$15 **Register by May 30th**
We will meet from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. [Limited to **16** participants.]
[Please meet at Grace Church.]

June 11 – “Cooking @ Grace” – Open to 4th through 6th Graders
Cost \$15 **Register by May 30th**
We will meet from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. [Limited to **16** participants.]
[Please meet at Grace Church.]

June 16 – “Arts & Crafts” – [Open to 1st through 3rd Graders]
Cost \$15 **Register by June 2nd**
We will meet from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. [Limited to **24** participants.] **[Please wear old clothes that can get dirty.]**

June 16 – “Arts & Crafts” – [Open to 4th through 6th Graders]
Cost \$15 **Register by June 2nd**
This is a half-day camp. We will meet from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. [Limited to **24** participants.]
[Please wear old clothes that can get dirty.]

June 17 - “Fishing Camp” – Open to 1st through 6th Graders
Cost \$15 **Register by June 3rd**
Please bring your own fishing pole and tackle. Bait will be provided. [Limited to **30** participants] 9am – 12 pm
[Please wear old clothes and close-toed shoes. NO Sandals]

June 18 – Little Kids – Open to 4 & 5 Year olds
Cost \$15 **9am – 12 pm** **Register by June 6th**
(Each child registered must have their own helper, at least 12 years old, who attends with them.)

Why Volunteer Background Checks Matter for Our Church Family

In our church, we believe every person who walks through our doors should feel safe, valued, and cared for. That's why we take steps to protect our congregation—not because we doubt anyone's intentions, but because we want to be faithful stewards of the trust God has given us.

1. Protecting the Vulnerable

Many of our ministries involve children, youth, and adults who may be in vulnerable situations. Background checks help us ensure that those serving in these areas are safe, trustworthy, and committed to creating a nurturing environment.

2. Building Trust and Transparency

When we take safety seriously, we show our members, visitors, and community that we are intentional about caring for people. This builds confidence in our ministries and strengthens our witness.

3. Following Best Practices and Legal Guidelines

Many organizations—both faith-based and secular—use background checks as part of their volunteer process. It's not about suspicion; it's about aligning with responsible, ethical standards that protect everyone involved.

4. Creating a Culture of Care

By making background checks a standard step for all volunteers, we remove stigma and ensure fairness. It's simply part of how we serve together—side by side, with integrity and love.

In Closing

Our goal is not to put up barriers, but to build a safe, welcoming space where ministry can flourish. Background checks are one of the quiet ways we protect our church family so that we can focus on what matters most—loving God and loving people.

Volunteer Background Checks

To ensure the safety and well-being of everyone in our programs—especially children and vulnerable individuals—we are implementing a **background check process** for certain volunteer roles.

Beginning this season, **all volunteers 18 or older serving in Day Camps, Vacation Bible School (VBS), and Summer Camp** will be required to complete a background check before participating. This step helps us maintain a secure environment and uphold the trust placed in our organization by families and the community.

As additional events and programs arise, **this requirement will be extended to other volunteer positions** where safety and security are a priority. We will provide clear communication and guidance for each new group of volunteers as the policy expands.

We deeply value the time, energy, and heart our volunteers give. This process is not about creating barriers—it's about protecting those we serve and ensuring our programs remain safe, welcoming, and trustworthy for all.

Adult Application for Volunteers Working with Minors can be picked up from the Welcome Center. If you have questions about the process or need assistance completing your background check, please reach out to Kerry in the Church office or our DCE Mark Sperry.

Grace Camp Day Camps

Grace Camp will again be hosting Camps on Tuesday's, Wednesday's & Thursday's the second and third week of June. These camps give us the awesome opportunity to not only spend time enjoying God's beautiful creation out at Grace Camp, but to also share the love of Jesus with the children who attend.

Please considering volunteering at one or more of our camps this Summer. To see where we need help, check the bulletin board in the atrium.

Please contact DCE, Mark Sperry with any questions.

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church Summer of 2026 VOLUNTEERS Needed!!

We need volunteers to assist with the following camps and our VBS program. Sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Day Camp Volunteers

- June 9th - Cooking Camp [1st-3rd Graders] 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
- June 9th - Cooking Camp [1st-3rd Graders] 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
- June 10th - Fishing Camp [1st – 6th Graders] 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
- June 11th - Cooking Camp [4th-6th Graders] 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
- June 11th - Cooking Camp [4th-6th Graders] 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
- June 16th - Arts & Crafts Camp [1st -3rd Graders] 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
- June 16th - Arts & Crafts Camp [4th-6th Graders] 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
- June 17th - Fishing Camp [1st-6th Graders] 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
- June 18th - Little Kids Camp [4's & 5's] 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Vcation Bible School Volunteers

June 22nd - June 25 @ Grace Camp

Shepherds to walk with children to and from activities.

Helpers for Arts & Craft, Science, Kitchen, Games, and Music.



All Volunteers 18 years and older will be required to have a background check.

CALL: 563-659-9153

www.gracedewitt.org

Referral Center Donations

We continue to collect monthly donations for the Referral Center as the need is great. The referral center can always use ketchup, kid-friendly cereal, canned fruits and vegetables, deodorant, shampoo, and toothpaste. All donations can be left in the shopping cart located in the foyer.

Greeters & Ushers

Greeters are needed to extend a warm welcome to members and visitors before worship services. Greeters are asked to be at church 20 minutes before service begins.

Ushers are needed to assist the Elders during worship services.

Please look at the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Center and sign up for a date you are available to help.



Summer Lunch Box Program

We are gearing up for another summer of helping families feed their children during the summer break from school. **We will have our first packing event on May 20th at 3:00 pm at the DeWitt United Methodist Church social hall.** We welcome all volunteers to help with this great ecumenical community undertaking!

Help Our School Children Avoid Hunger
Since 2014, the **Summer Lunch Box Program (SLBP)** has helped 2746 children struggling with food insecurity in the Central DeWitt School District. In collaboration with the DeWitt Referral Center, a bag of groceries and food vouchers are provided to children in need every week in June, July and August. **By using the QR code, (provided below) your generous donation will help fund this vital ecumenical church and community project. Checks or cash donations can also be sent directly to DeWitt United Methodist Church, 222 12th Street, DeWitt IA 52742 earmarked for Summer Lunch Box Program.** Please contact Sheri Barnes at 563-357-9338 with any questions.



Note that your gift will be directed to a dedicated SLBP account at the DeWitt United Methodist Church and is tax deductible via the church's 501c3 status. Your church has been an active participant in the program. Expenses are nominal (grocery bags, paper for vouchers, and postage stamps).

MILES OF DIMES - Grace Camp was purchased in 1988. The Miles of Dimes project was started in 1990 as an effort to help pay for the facilities which everyone enjoys. There is a "Miles of Dimes" collection jar located on the Welcome Center. Leave your "dimes" or any donation you may want to make and your donation will be used to benefit the camp facilities. Thank you for your continued support.

Donate your used glasses, including sunglasses and reading glasses, to the Lions Club. A collection box is located in the foyer coat area. These glasses are picked up by a member of the Lions and then sent to a facility who will refurbish them for others who may not be able to afford glasses. (Please, remember they can not accept glass cases.)

ASCENSION DAY SERVICE



WHEN? THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2026, 7PM

**WHERE? IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
CHURCH, GRAND MOUND, IA**

(706 SMITH ST., GRAND MOUND, IA, 52751)

**WHAT? DIVINE SERVICE ON THE FEAST
OF CHRIST'S ASCENSION**

Grace Lutheran Camp

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

at Grace Camp Pavilion

2675 242nd St, De Witt, IA 52742

8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**June 21st
July 19th
August 16th**

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PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARD
RETREAT CENTER APPLIANCES
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**FREE WILL
OFFERING**



Grace Lutheran Church - May 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Randy's Round Up for Grace Youth 8:00am Traditional Worship 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am Women's Bible Study 10:30am Traditional Worship w/Communion (Confirmation Sunday)	27 6:30pm Board of Christian Education	28	29 Church Office Closes at 1:00 pm 5:30pm Confirmation 7:00pm High School Bible Study	30 Church Office Closes at 1:00 pm 9:00am Tops Meeting 9:30am Stay Active Senior Exercise Group	1 Church Office is Closed	2 3:00pm Wedding
3 "Mites" Sunday RaiseRight Orders Due 8:00am Traditional Worship w/Comm 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Traditional Worship w/Comm	4 Randy's Round Up for Preschool 1:00pm 500 Card Club 6:00pm Board of Outreach Mtg 6:00pm Elders Meeting 7:00pm Voter's Meeting	5 Randy's Round Up for Preschool	6 Randy's Round Up for Preschool 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Party 7:00pm High School Bible Study	7 Randy's Round Up for Preschool 7:00am Preschool - Muffins w/Mom 9:00am Tops Meeting 9:30am Stay Active Exercise Group	8 Randy's Round Up for Preschool	9 Randy's Round Up for Preschool
10 MOTHER'S DAY Randy's Round Up for Preschool 8:00am Traditional Worship 9:15am Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 10:30am Traditional Worship	11	12	13 7:00am Finance Mtg 6:00pm Graduates Dinner	14 9:00am Tops Meeting 9:30am Stay Active Exercise Group	15 Hall Rental Set UP Newsletter Deadline	16 Hall Rental
17 FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY 8:00am Traditional Worship w/Comm 10:30am Praise Worship w/Communion	18 1:00pm 500 Card Club 7:00pm Youth Board Meeting	19 6:30pm Camp Board Meeting	20 Preschool Yoga in Grace Hall	21 Preschool - Grace Hall 9:00am Tops Meeting 9:30am Stay Active Exercise Group 4:00pm Victory Center Service Event	22 Preschool - Grace Hall	23
24 8:00am Traditional Worship 10:30am Traditional Worship	25 No Preschool 6:30pm Board of Christian Education	26	27	28 Preschool - Grace Hall 9:00am Tops Meeting 9:30am Stay Active Exercise Group	29	30
31 8:00am Traditional Worship w/Communion 10:30am Traditional Worship w/Communion	1 1:00pm 500 Card Club 6:00pm Board of Discipleship 6:30pm Elders Meeting	2	3	4 9:00am Tops Meeting 9:30am Stay Active Senior Exercise Group	5	6 Hall Rental



- 1st Bev Johnson
- 3rd Carlee Good
- 4th Dennis Gisel
Kay Goddard
Jaren Nebel
- 6th Tyler Stowe
Karen Theisen
- 8th Ezekiel DeHaven
Shanna Tucker
- 10th Jim Williams
Caitlin Proctor
Warden Spain
Jacqueline Jacobsen
- 11th Vicki Becker
Tori Grantz
Wesley Johnson
- 12th Everly Eads
- 13th Angie Hill
- 14th Michael Good
Carter Paarmann
Emma Grace Hartman
Brayden Lawrence
- 15th Aspen Williams
- 16th Annabelle Schneider
- 17th Drew Eden
Ryleigh Spain
- 19th Susan Williams
- 21st Patty Anderson
- 22nd Keith Gustafson
Adelynn Meyer
- 25th Randi Bahnsen
- 27th Ray Ackerman Jr.
Paul Lieving
- 29th Beth Haring
Kim Steffens
Thomas Jepsen
- 30th Margie Alger
- 31st Paul Kirby



- 3rd Ken & Marjorie Goddard
- 4th Scott & Renae Havener
- 9th Gary & Cathy Paarmann
- 11th Rick & Lori Olson
James & Michele Gruntorad
Ray & Sarah Ackerman Jr.
Darin & Sara Suhr
- 15th Devin & Angela Wagner
- 16th Ken & Kyle Jackson
Rich & Julie Matzen
- 19th Amanda & Cory Hoepner
- 25th Todd & Karen McWilliams



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