

# Grace News

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**Church Office Hours**  
M-Th - 8am to 3 pm  
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July 2025

LCMS Stewardship Ministry – [lcms.org/stewardship](http://lcms.org/stewardship) Newsletter Article – July 2025

## Faithfulness: The Stewardship Standard

“Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful” (1 Cor. 4:2).

What is the standard to which a steward is held? Ask the average person, and they might talk about percentages, tithes, and commitments. Too often, the default mode of measuring stewards is by how much and how frequently they give. This is not helpful. Measuring activity without any connection to baptismal identity is a recipe for disaster. It can either breed a sense of superiority and self-righteousness or create a culture of scarcity and despair. Neither outcome is godly or helpful.

This is not to say that stewardship should be regarded as “no big deal.” St. Paul, within his discussion of the ministry to which he has been called, sets the standard of accountability for the steward: faithfulness. This removes any sense of superiority or self-righteousness and dispels scarcity and despair. When a steward manages what the Lord has entrusted to them — resources and all aspects of life — for God's purposes, the focus is not on how much or how frequently they give.

This standard reflects the stewardship portrayed in the Gospels where Jesus entrusts varying amounts, each according to ability. The commended stewards were recognized for their faithfulness in their vocation, not the amounts they managed. Conversely, the condemned stewards were not castigated for their lack of performance but for their lack of faithfulness.

What does this mean for the steward in the pew? The Lord has entrusted you with various things. Luther captures them in his explanation of the First Article of the Apostles’ Creed and the Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer. The familiar couplets of food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, animals and all possessions are the Lord's, and He has entrusted them to you for His purpose. This trust brings an active realization of thanksgiving.

This active thanksgiving is our stewardship. It can be distilled into two questions that the steward regularly needs to answer:

1. How has God blessed me?
2. How is He calling me to respond?

The first question is quite simple to answer: if the Lord has entrusted something to you, it is a blessing. This blessing is for God's glory and the benefit of your neighbor. The second question is more challenging to measure; it is not about percentages and charts. Instead, it is about a life of

thanksgiving that flows from the mercies of God revealed in Jesus Christ. This thanksgiving starts at and flows from the cross and the empty tomb. Our stewardship of the Gospel drives our stewardship of everything else.

The standard, then, is faithfulness. Faithfulness flows from eyes focused on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. It does not come from our efforts but through the working of the Holy Spirit in-

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## **SERVING THIS MONTH:**

**The Elders:** Sunday's 8:00 AM Clint Albrecht  
10:00 AM Scott Steffens

**The Organist:** Diana Baetke

### **The Acolytes**

**July 6th**

8:00 AM Katie Grantz

**July 13th**

8:00 AM Gavin Krukow

**July 20th**

8:00 AM Trevor McMahon

**July 27th**

8:00 AM Hudson Meyers

**IMPORTANT** - Deadline for submitting articles for the August newsletter is July 15th.

### **Special Gifts Given Include:**

In loving memory of Lucy Broadfoot \$20 was given to Grace Preschool.

In loving memory of Barb Barber \$20 was given to Grace Preschool.

# Summer Worship Schedule

## **Sunday Worship**

8:00 a.m. @ Grace Church  
Traditional Service

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

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

During our vacancy we want to keep up with prayer requests, shut-in visits, and hospital visit. Please, bring all of your requests to the church office they will pass along this information to those who need it.

**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.

### **Greeters and Ushers are Needed**

Greeters are needed to help welcome members and guests before worship services.

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 that works for you.

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.)

### **Referral Center Donations**

We will continue to collect monthly donations for the Referral Center as the need is great. The referral center can always use kid friendly cereal, canned fruit, Ramen noodles, dish soap, peanut butter, Jell-o, pudding, and so much more. All donations can be left in the shopping cart



LWML will be collecting MILES on Sunday, July 6th. If you would like to help support the LCMS with their mission projects you can place your donation inside the box located in the Narthex or leave a marked donation in the offering plate. Thank you for your support of LWML and the missions of the LCMS.

### In Memory of:

Lucille Elizabeth "Lucy" Broadfoot, 94, of DeWitt, Iowa, peacefully passed away on June 11, 2025, at Wheatland Manor.

Lucy was born on January 14, 1931, at City Memorial Hospital in Maquoketa, Iowa, to John H. Schrader and Helen B. (Hovey) Schrader. She graduated from Welton High School and went on to build a life centered around family, faith, and service to her community. On August 11, 1951, Lucy married Richard Elmer Broadfoot, and together they made their home in De Witt Iowa. Lucy dedicated many years to working as a teacher's aide at De Witt Central Community Schools, where she touched the lives of countless students with her caring nature.

Lucy was a faithful member of Grace Lutheran Church, where her faith provided strength and comfort throughout her life. She found great joy in traveling to visit her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, cherishing every moment spent with family. Lucy also enjoyed her time with Card Club friends and camping adventures with family and friends, creating memories that will be treasured forever.

Lucy is survived by her beloved husband, Dick Broadfoot of DeWitt; her children Dr. Rick (Jeri) Broadfoot of Honolulu, Hawaii, David (Cathy) Broadfoot of La Quinta, California, Kevin (Amy) Broadfoot of Charlotte, Iowa, and Cathy Youngers of De Witt, Iowa; six grandchildren: James Broadfoot, Mary (Nick) Weber, Jessica (Wilson) Lee, and Eric (Rebecca) Broadfoot; Jack Mantych, Travis (Gennifer) Mantych; seven great-grandchildren: Lienna Broadfoot, Sienna and Amber Lee, Mila, Quinn, and Bruce Broadfoot, Owen Mantych, and Josie Weber.

Lucy was preceded in death by an infant brother, her sisters Madonna (Paul) Reimers and Sadie Mae (Donald) Hoffman, and her son-in-law Dean Youngers. Lucy's legacy of love, kindness, and devotion to family will live on in the hearts of all who knew her. Her gentle spirit and unwavering faith served as an inspiration to many, and she will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

**The 2025 Altar Flower calendar is now available 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 bouquet dates are available:

August 24th  
September 21st  
October 12th, 19th  
November 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th  
December 14th

We hope that we have flowers every week, but we know that there are Sundays when the arrangements have not been spoken for. It is these Sundays when you will not see arrangements on the altar. To assist the church in having arrangements every Sunday 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 Sunday that means they were not sign up for and the Flower Fund does not have money in it.



Please join us on Thursday, July 3rd at 6:00 PM to raise the flags at church. We will take the flags down on Monday, July 7th at 6:00 pm.

Grace Lutheran Camp

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
*at Grace Camp Pavilion*  
*Mark Your Calendar*  
**June 15th**  
**July 20th**  
**August 17th**

FREE WILL OFFERING

PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARD WELTON CHAPEL REPAIRS

Grace Camp, 2675 242nd St, De Witt, IA 52742

### Introduction to the Bible

If you have a student who is entering 3<sup>rd</sup> grade this fall, please stop by the office to pick-up your Introduction to the Bible packet. Bibles will be presented to the children during either worship service on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Mark Sperry with any questions.

### Confirmation Classes

Grace offers a three-year program for students in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades. If you have a student in one of these grades, please contact the church office to let us know they will be attending classes beginning this September. Orientation will be held on Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm here at church. A letter with more information will be sent out in early August.



### ENDURE

After three years of planning, praying, fundraising and enduring, July is finally here and that means the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering is only weeks away. Please keep the 16 youth & 5 adults from Grace in your prayers as we traveling to and from New Orleans for the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering. We will be gone from July 18<sup>th</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### Office Hours for July

Please note, office hours will be a little different this month. The office will be closed on July 18th instead of July 25th; office will be closed on Monday, July 28th; Tuesday, July 29th the office will be open at 9:00-3:00; Wednesday the office will open from 8 to 10 am then again at Noon to 3 pm.



## June 19th Victory Center Service Event

Once again, thank you to everyone who contributed to the meal, helped serve and prayed for our June service event at the Victory Center in Clinton. Our next service event meal will be on July 17th. We are planning to serve up to 40 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 with serving the meal.

### Items Needed For Taco Bar:

Cheese  
Shredded Lettuce  
Tomatoes (cut)  
Sour Cream  
Taco Sauce  
Salsa  
Deserts (2)  
Watermelon (cut)  
Cantaloup (cut)  
Grapes  
Strawberries

We also need 4 individuals to help deliver and serve the food.

***All food needs to be prepared and brought to the church by 4:00 PM on Thursday, July 17th.***

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

**Mark Sperry, DCE**  
563-321-0674  
msperry@gracedewitt.org

**Mark's Office Hours**  
M-Th - 7:00 am to 1:00 pm

**Kerry Good**  
kgood@gracedewitt.org

**Grace Lutheran Preschool**  
PH: 563-659-9193  
**Preschool Teacher/Director**  
**Christine Greve**  
preschool@gracedewitt.org

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**Camp Reservations**  
camprentals@gracedewitt.org  
319-230-7718



Grace Lutheran Church

# SUMMER CAMP 2025

July 28th - July 30th  
Open To: 2nd - 8th Graders  
Space is Limited!

Early Bird  
by June 30th  
**\$25**




GRACE LUTHERAN



ONE WAY  
SUMMER CAMP 2025

**IN PROGRAM:**

- BIBLE STUDY
- ARCHERY
- CANOEING
- CRAFTS
- FUN WITH FRIENDS
- GOOD FOOD AND SNACKS

2nd & 3rd grades do not stay overnight. They will need to be dropped off and picked up each day.

Online Registration Opens  
June 1st @ 7 pm  
Register for Grade Going Into  
Cost is \$40 after June 30th

REGISTER ONLINE AT [WWW.GRACEDEWITT.ORG](http://WWW.GRACEDEWITT.ORG)

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## Grace Lutheran Summer Camp

The dates for this year's camp are Monday, July 28th through Wed., July 30th. This is open to students who will be in 2nd through 8th grades for the 2025-2026 school year. Go to [gracedewitt.org](http://gracedewitt.org) to register. Please, contact the church office at: 563-659-9153 with any questions. Please note that 2nd & 3rd graders DO NOT stay overnight at camp.

## Do you volunteer for Summer Camp?

Would you like a t-shirt? If you would like a t-shirt to wear while you are volunteering your time at Summer Camp, please contact the church office by June 27th so that we can include them in our t-shirt order. Cost for a t-shirt is \$5.

## Volunteers Needed for Check In

Summer Camp will be here before you know it. On Monday, July 28th we need volunteers to help with registration which begins at 10am. All registration volunteers are asked to arrive at the camp pavilion by 9:30 am. If you would like to assist with this please contact Kerry at the Church office.

Watch for the Summer Camp Donation List, which will be out by July 1st.

Celebrating OUR

# 100<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church  
1825 - 1925

## *Join Us!*

## *For Our 100 Year Celebration!*

Sunday, September 14th  
10:00 am for a Worship Service

Celebration meal to follow in Grace Hall

Members are asked to bring a side dish according to their last name.

Vegetables (A-J)  
Salads (K-Z)

Each dish should serve at least 15 people.  
Main dish and dessert will be provided.



Eli at work on the shelter outside of the school.

This years group from Immanuel in Belvidere.

### **Belize Mission Trip**

Eli and I would like to thank the Congregation and the Endowment Committee for the grant for our mission trip to Belize. We were able to purchase medical supplies and provide the society with funding for the feeding program for the children. If you would like more information on the Belize Mission Society please visit their website [www.belizemissionsociety.net](http://www.belizemissionsociety.net).



### **THANK YOU**

I would like to say a special thank you to everyone who helped make the 2025 Grace Camp Day Camps so successful again this year. Through your generosity and willingness to volunteer and get involved we had the opportunity to share the love of Jesus with almost 100 children from DeWitt and the surrounding community. Thanks again and know that you are appreciated more than words can ever say!

Mark Sperry

Friends at Grace Lutheran Church,  
Thank you for the donation of groceries for the food pantry. We appreciate your donations!

Sincerely, DeWitt Referral Center.

Dear Grace Congregation,  
I wanted to Thank You for all the prayers and support, I appreciate the cards and monetary gifts I received for my confirmation.

Sincerely, Amelia Rickertsen

Thank you to everyone who helped with and prayed for our Summer Night Out event. Even with the few sprinkles, so many families came out to enjoy our camp. We would not have been able to put on this event without all of you.

Board of Outreach

### **VBS Volunteers**

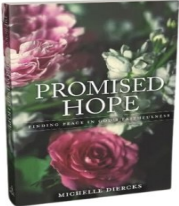
We want to thank all the Vacation Bible School Volunteers who came out, despite the heat, to put on a wonderful program for our members and the community. We would like to give a great big shout out to Mary Garlough and her kitchen crew for the wonderful meals they prepared; to all the station leaders for their time and preparation, you helped spread God's love in so many ways; to the Crew Leaders and Crew Members who helped all the children travel from one station to the next while keeping everyone safe; to the awesome actors who helped with skits we want to thank you for all of the love, dedication, and time you gave to this program. We could not have done it without you. Thank you!



# Women's Bible Study

Sunday mornings at 9:15am,  
starting September 7th  
at Grace Church

Join us for coffee, fellowship &  
a study of "Promised Hope" with  
the author, Michelle Diercks.



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our lives, through Word and Sacrament. It begins at the altar in the Divine Service but extends into the world — from hearth and home to workplace and classroom, from commerce to leisure. The mercy of God, freely given in Jesus, leads us to demonstrate a faithfulness that reveals to others the same mercy we have received in Jesus.

This faithfulness cannot be measured empirically. It is simply allowing the Holy Spirit to work in and through us for the glory of God and the benefit of our neighbor. Weekly. Daily. Faithfully.

*Please Join Us!*

## Connect & Reconnect Women's Social

August 28th  
6:30pm  
Grace Hall

ALL women are welcome!  
Enjoy desserts, dialogue  
and a devotion.

Questions?  
Call or text 563-593-2393

GRACE EV LUTHERAN CHURCH



# Concert in the Park

*Grace Lutheran Church*



**BRENDAN  
BROOKS**

**STARTS AT | AUGUST 17TH**  
**4PM** | **@ LINCOLN PARK**  
6TH AVE & 11TH ST, DE WITT, IA

Opening Act: 4pm

Concert: 5pm

**FREE FOOD**

[www.gracedewitt.org](http://www.gracedewitt.org)



## July 2025 — Grace Ev. Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b> 8:00am Traditional Worship w/ Communion 10:00am Praise Worship w/ Communion@ Grace Camp	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9:00am Tops Meeting 9:30am Stay Active Senior Exercise Group 6:00pm Raise the Flags	<b>4</b> Office Closed	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> "Mies" Sunday 8:00am Traditional Worship w/ Communion 10:00am Praise Worship w/ Communion@ Grace Camp	<b>7</b> 1:00pm 500 Card Club 6:00pm Board of Discipleship 6:30pm Elders Meeting	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 7:00am Board of Finance Meeting	<b>10</b> 9:00am Tops Meeting 9:30am Stay Active Senior Exercise Group	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> LCMSYG25 Commissioning Service 8:00am Traditional Worship @ Church 10:00am Praise Worship @ Grace Camp	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Newsletter Deadline Sewing Ladies 6:30pm Camp Board Meeting	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9:00am Tops Meeting 9:30am Stay Active Senior Exercise Group 4:00pm Victory Center Service Event	<b>18</b> LCMSYG25 - New Orleans Office Closed	<b>19</b> LCMSYG25 - New Orleans
<b>20</b> LCMSYG25 - New Orleans 8:00am Grace Camp Pancake Breakfast 8:00am Traditional Worship w/ Communion 10:00am Praise Worship w/	<b>21</b> LCMSYG25 - New Orleans 1:00pm 500 Card Club	<b>22</b> LCMSYG25 - New Orleans	<b>23</b> LCMSYG25 - New Orleans	<b>24</b> LCMSYG25 - New Orleans 9:00am Tops Meeting 9:30am Stay Active Senior Exercise Group	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> Hall Rental 8:00am Traditional Worship @ Church 10:00am Praise Worship @ Grace Camp 5:00pm Summer Camp Counselor	<b>28</b> Office Closed Summer Camp 2025 10:00am Summer Camp Check-In	<b>29</b> Office Opens at 9AM Sewing Ladies Summer Camp 2025	<b>30</b> Summer Camp 2025	<b>31</b> 9:00am Tops Meeting 9:30am Stay Active Senior Exercise Group	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>



1 <sup>st</sup>	Katherine Grantz Andrea Mork	18 <sup>th</sup>	Tyler Stamp
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Glenda Evers Hunter Jeffery	19 <sup>th</sup>	Kaylie Stearns Easton Meyers
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Christy Stearns Ashton Schneider	20 <sup>th</sup>	Barry Engelkes Brady Lawrence
4 <sup>th</sup>	Apryl Onken Duane Meyer	21 <sup>st</sup>	Irene Myers
5 <sup>th</sup>	Laura Norcross Nellee Gruntorad	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Jacob Diercks
6 <sup>th</sup>	Leo Hill Beverly Schrader	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Ashlie Oronzio Melissa Nolin
7 <sup>th</sup>	Renae Havener Grace Burzlaff	24 <sup>th</sup>	Jeremy Stowe
8 <sup>th</sup>	Ken Goddard Traci Butler	25 <sup>th</sup>	Craig Paarmann
9 <sup>th</sup>	Carole Dunkin Piper Dahl	26 <sup>th</sup>	Brenda Gustafson JoAnn Greve
10 <sup>th</sup>	Wyatt Williams Chloe Stowe	27 <sup>th</sup>	Amelia Williams Jill Jepsen
11 <sup>th</sup>	Troy Eden Cody Mork	28 <sup>th</sup>	Laura Nebel Carrie Carter
12 <sup>th</sup>	Erik Johnson Mark Sperry	29 <sup>th</sup>	Kyle Jackson
13 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Schneider Emeri Ralston	30 <sup>th</sup>	Michelle Diercks Chelsi Converse
14 <sup>th</sup>	Sandy Anderson Julie Matzen	31 <sup>st</sup>	Jaymeson Mork
15 <sup>th</sup>	Caleb Engelkes Eli Engelkes		
16 <sup>th</sup>	Troy Diercks		



1 <sup>st</sup>	Thomas & Jill Jepsen
9 <sup>th</sup>	Matt & Paula Anderson
10 <sup>th</sup>	Curtis & Randi Bahnsen
11 <sup>th</sup>	Jesse & Jenna Spain
12 <sup>th</sup>	Scott & Kim Steffens
19 <sup>th</sup>	Casey & Jennifer Walker Mark & Cindy Sperry
21 <sup>st</sup>	Dan & Kimberly Burzlaff
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Barry & Kristy Engelkes
29 <sup>th</sup>	Kevin & Joy Marik