



Grace News

LCMS Stewardship Ministry

What Do You Want?

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One of the best-known and most-beloved psalms is Psalm 23, the “Shepherd Psalm.” There we learn that the Lord is our Shepherd. And since He is our Shepherd, we will not want. We will not suffer want because the Lord, our Shepherd, will lead us to green pastures and beside still waters. In other words, the Lord, our Shepherd, will provide for all that we need in both body and soul.

Yet, we live as though this is not the case. We live as though we actually suffer from want, that the Lord, our Shepherd, will not provide for all that we need. And thus, we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd. And that means that we live as though we are not the Lord’s sheep.

When do we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd? When we put anything else before Him and His provision for us. When we think that going to work is more important than receiving His gifts in church on Sunday (in violation of the First and Third Commandments). When we fail to give generously of the first fruits of what the Lord has provided for us because we don’t know what the future will bring (even though He has promised that He will lead us to green pastures and still waters).

We live as though we are not the Lord’s sheep when we think that the Lord is only in the business of helping those who will help themselves. We act this way because our minds are set on earthly, temporal things and not on heavenly, eternal things. We act this way because we have stopped hearing the call of our Shepherd, which comes through His Word.

Through the Word of God, the Shepherd calls us to Himself. Through the Word, the Holy Spirit gathers and enlightens us with His gifts. Through the Word, we are kept holy and nourished in the one true faith, the faith that follows our Shepherd wherever He leads us. He promises to lead us to our true home, to the land flowing with milk and honey, to a better country, not of this world, but a heavenly one.

And so, here’s the Good News: the Lord is your Shepherd, even and especially for wayward sheep. For Jesus seeks and saves those who are lost. He finds the lost sheep and carries them back to the fold. He is the Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep. The Lord is your Shepherd. Let us live as His sheep.

Summer Worship Schedule

Begins: Sun. June 7th

Traditional Worship

@ Grace Church
8:00 a.m.

Praise Worship

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

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.



Youth Fundraiser Order Due June 7th

During the Summer order forms and the blue mailbox will be located on the Welcome Center. At the Camp Service the order forms and blue mailbox will be on a table near the sidewalk.

SERVING THIS MONTH:

The Elders: Sunday's 8:00 am Leon Doescher
10:00 am Scott Steffens

The Organist: Diana Baetke

The Acolytes

June 7th

8:00 am Cameron Miller

June 17th

8:00 am Isaiah Sunday

June 21st

8:00 am Zach Yutesler

June 28th

8:00 am Zane Burzlaff

Sunday School Update

Our Sunday School season has wrapped up for the summer, and we are so grateful for the joy, learning, and fellowship we've shared. A heartfelt thank you to all of our dedicated teachers — we're excited to share that every one of them will be returning in the fall!

As we look ahead to next year, we have two important opportunities to serve:

Sunday School Superintendent

We are seeking a caring and organized individual to help coordinate and support our Sunday School program. This person will be available during the Sunday School hour to:

- Distribute and collect attendance sheets
- Collect the offering, count it, and secure it in the safe
- Assist teachers with children as needed
- Lead and oversee the Sunday School Opening

This role is vital in helping our Sunday School run smoothly and ensuring a warm, welcoming environment for children, teachers, and families.

A/V Volunteer

- Runs sound and visuals during Sunday School openings.

If you feel called to serve in either of these roles, or would like to learn more, please reach out to Mark Sperry at 563-659-9153 or mosperry@gracedewitt.org. Your gifts and talents can make a big difference in the lives of our children!

Special Gifts Given Include:

In memory of Terry Tjaden, \$20 was given to Grace Preschool.

In memory of Jill Jepsen, \$460 was given to Grace Camp, \$50 to Grace Church, \$20 to Grace Preschool, and \$25 to the A/V Fund.

In memory of Brad Anderson, \$25 was given to the Organ Fund and \$20 to Grace Preschool.



Baptized on May 17th —

Maitland Mary Moore, daughter of Aaron Michael & Kendra Moore, was baptized on May 17th. Her baptism sponsors are Keaton Mueller and Salyn Mueller. Welcome to God's Family!

Baptized on May 24th —

Owen James Edwards, son of Tyler and Mary Edwards, was baptized on May 24th. His sponsors are Austin Edwards and Katie Jacobs. Welcome to God's Family!

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!!!

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.

Volunteers Needed: Vacation Bible School, Day Camps, & Summer Camp

We have many wonderful opportunities this summer to make a difference! Whether it's helping with Vacation Bible School, assisting at day camps, or supporting summer camp activities, your time and talents are greatly appreciated.

If you'd like to be part of these exciting ministries, please sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer. Once you sign up, you'll receive a background check form to complete. **Background checks are required for all volunteers** to ensure a safe and welcoming environment for everyone.

Thank you for considering this chance to serve.

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

Vacation 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.

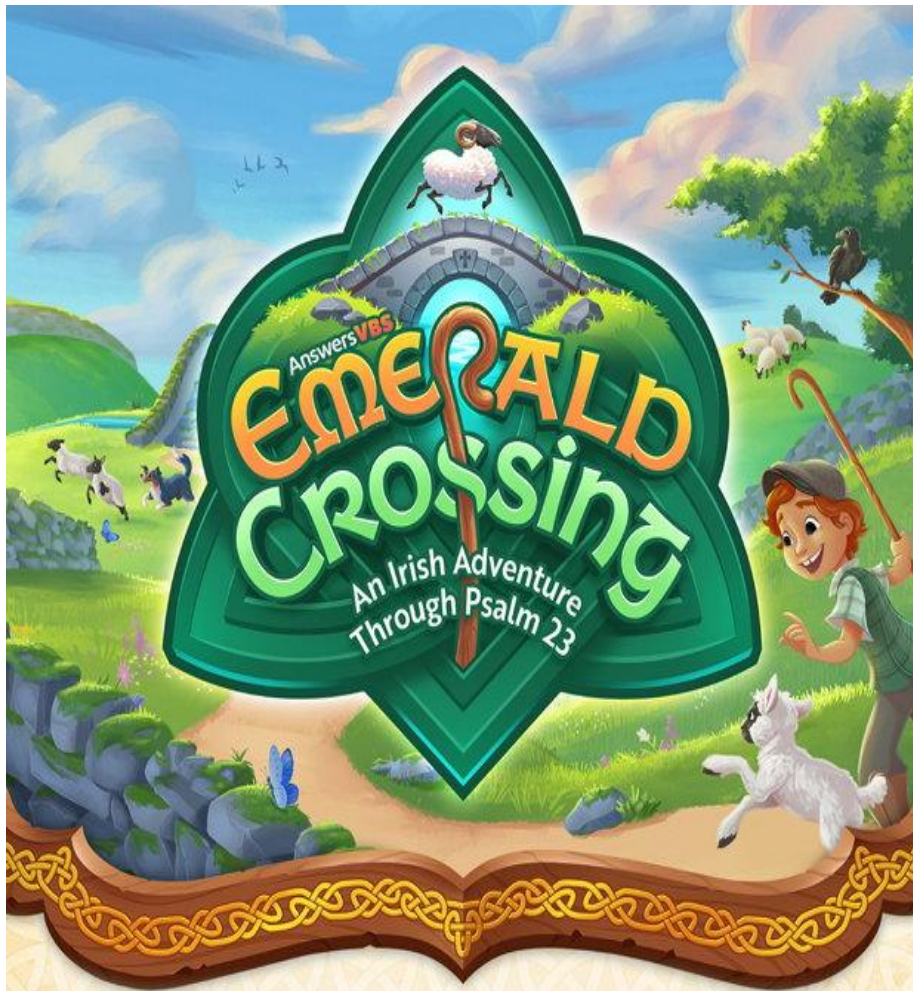
The 2026 Altar Flower calendar is on the Welcome Center. Bouquets can be donated in honor of or in memory of persons or events. Each bouquet is \$30 and there are two bouquets available each week. Please sign up for your preferred dates and place your payment in the secretary's door. You may purchase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

The following dates are available:

- 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 not be spoken for. It is on 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.



VBS 2026

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: 5-5:30 pm.

VBS NEEDS 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. 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 is now open.**

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.

Donations Needed

Summer brings many opportunities for our congregation to help spread the love of Jesus through our Vacation Bible School and Summer Camp.

During Vacation Bible School, we provide kid-friendly meals for the children and their families. Donation sheets for needed items are on the table in the foyer.

In July we will provide a list of items needed to feed all the hungry campers, counselors, and volunteers.

Looking for a 4th of July Parade Coordinator

We're excited to be part of our town's 4th of July celebration this year, and we're looking for someone to help lead our church's involvement! This could mean organizing a float for the parade **or** simply coordinating a fun and welcoming presence on our church lawn—handing out water, watermelon, or other treats to our neighbors.

If you have a heart for community outreach and a little creativity, we'd love for you to step in and help make this a joyful event.

If you're interested, please contact Kristy Engelkes for more details. 4



Grace Lutheran Church

Summer Camp

July 27th - July 29th

Open To:
2nd - 8th Grade
Space is Limited!
Cost \$25

**REGISTRATION
OPENS
June 1st @ 7 pm**
Register for Grade
Going Into.

PROGRAM:
BIBLE STUDY - ARCHERY - CANOEING - CRAFTS -
FUN WITH FRIENDS - GREAT FOOD AND
SNACKS

REGISTER:
PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE AT
WWW.GRACEDEWITT.ORG
COST IS \$25 IF REGISTERED BY JUNE 30TH
COST AFTER JUNE 30TH IS \$40
MUST REGISTER BY JUNE 30TH TO RECEIVE A T-SHIRT

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

www.gracedewitt.org - CALL: 563-659-9153




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Do you volunteer for Summer Camp? Would you like a T-shirt? If you would like one 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 order. Cost is **\$5**.



Grace Lutheran Summer Camp 2026

Grace Lutheran Summer Camp 2026 will take place Monday, July 27 through Wednesday, July 29 at Grace Camp.

Who can attend:

- Open to all students who will be in 2nd through 8th grades for the 2026–2027 school year.
- 2nd & 3rd graders will not stay overnight — they will be dropped off each morning and picked up each evening.

Campers are grouped by grade level.

Check-in & pickup:

- **Check-in:** 10:00 a.m. on Monday, July 27
- **Pick-up:** 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 29th.

Activities:

Expect a mix of faith-based and fun-filled experiences, including:

- Bible study and sharing God's Word
- Archery
- Canoeing and water games
- Crafts and creative projects
- Music and singing

Cost:

- **\$25** if registered by **June 30, 2026**
- **\$40** starting **July 1, 2026**

*Campers registered after June 30 will **not** receive a t-shirt.*

Registration:

Opens **June 1, 2026** at 7:00 p.m. Spots are limited — register early to secure your child's place. Contact the church office at **(563) 659-9153** for questions

Location:

Grace Camp, Grace Lutheran Church, 2675 242nd Street, DeWitt, IA 52742.

This camp is a great opportunity for students to enjoy summer fun while growing in faith and making new friends.

LWML Mites

Mites Collection
Sunday, June 7th

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

GRACE YOUTH ACTIVITIES TEAM

FOR TEENS IN GRADES 8-12
BRING A FRIEND! ALL ARE WELCOME!

*YOUR IDEAS.
YOUR EVENTS.
YOUR GROUP.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

<p>SUNDAY, JUNE 7 4:00 - 7:00 PM GRACE CAMP GYM BUILDING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walking tacos Scotcheroos Campfire & games Food. Fun. Friends. 	<p>WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10 7:00 PM PICKLEBALL COURTS IN TOWN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pickleball Bring racket (extras available!) Ice cream after at Cups & Cones
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Mark your calendar
FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH,
4:00 - 7:00 PM FOR
GRACE YOUTH ACTIVITIES TEAM GATHERINGS!

Have an idea for an activity or event?
TALK TO MR. MARK
563-321-0674 Msperry@gracedewitt.org

Volunteers Needed for Check-In

Summer Camp will be here before you know it. On Monday, July 27th, we need volunteers to help with registration at 10 a.m. All registration volunteers are asked to arrive at the camp pavilion by 9:30 am. If you would like to assist with this, please get in touch with Kerry at the Church office.

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 tuna, spaghetti sauce, pasta, canned soup, peanut butter, jelly, cake mixes, frosting, toilet paper, and so much more. All donations can be left in the shopping cart located in the foyer.

thankyou

I want to say a special Thank You to the Sunday School children at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Charlotte for donating half of their offerings from this year towards Grace Summer Camp. Their \$300 donation is greatly appreciated.

Mark Sperry

The Summer Lunch Box Program truly appreciates your congregation's continuous support of this effort to feed our schools' children. God Bless!

Grace Lutheran Church

GOOD LORD!

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

**June 18, 2026
Victory Center Service Event**

Once again, thank you to everyone who contributed to the meal, helped serve, and prayed for our May service event at the Victory Center in Clinton. Our next service event meal will be on June 18th. 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, June 18th.

**Main Dish
5 Volunteers**

Breakfast Casserole. Bring in Crockpot or wrapped 9X13 pan so its stays hot.

**Drinks
2 Volunteers**

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

**Desserts
3 Volunteers**

Prepare a dessert that serves 15 people.

**Fruit
3 Volunteers**

Prepare a salad to serve 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

**Newsletter
Deadline**

If you would like to submit articles for the July Newsletter, they need to be turned in by June 15th.
kgood@gracedewitt.org



Heavenly Father,

We thank You for the gift of fathers, through whom You show love, guidance, and protection. Bless all fathers, grandfathers, and father figures with wisdom, patience, and strength to lead their families in faith. Comfort those who miss their fathers and strengthen those who long to be fathers. May all look to You, our perfect Father, for grace and hope in Christ Jesus.

In His name we pray. Amen.

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**

PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARD
RETREAT CENTER APPLIANCES

**FREE WILL
OFFERING**





The Preschool Staff is sending you sunny smiles and summer wishes! We're off to refill our buckets with energy, ideas, and fun for the year ahead. See you in August for more adventures in learning!

Grace Lutheran Preschool 2026-2027 Class Schedule

Class Schedule 2026-2027

4s M-F 8:00 - 11:00 am (Full)
M-F 12:00 - 3:00 pm (8 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.

Donate your used glasses, 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.)



We believe in the power of prayer and the comfort it brings when we lift one another up before the Lord. If you or someone you know is in need

of prayer, please don't hesitate to reach out. You can share your request by contacting the church office at 563-659-9153. Whether it's a joy, a concern, or a quiet need, we are here to pray with you and for you.



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| 3 rd | Blaine Stearns
Jacob Swanson
Emily Swanson | 21 st | Jeremiah Sunday |
| 4 th | Kamryn Albrecht | 23 rd | Ardith Barr
Lynn Swanson |
| 5 th | Brynlee Dies
Rodney Keeney
Mary Alger
Amy Meyers | 24 th | Valarie Betz
Keaton Birt
Owen Tucker |
| 7 th | Scott Miller | 25 th | Richard Block
Coleen Hughes
Shirley Jackson |
| 9 th | Noah Sunday
David Hansen | | Kurt Kreiter
Jesse Spain
Sandy Miller |
| 10 th | Bud Selk
Adelynn Williams
Barbara Mickelsen | 27 th | Rachael Krukow |
| 11 th | Tyler Lawrence
Austin Meyer | 28 th | Kay Hall
Joy Marik
Hannah Grantz
Allison LaFevers
Addison Tucker |
| 12 th | Jeanne Hansen
Halston Krukow | | Breeanna Paasch |
| 13 th | Kindra Barys
Tracy Paarmann | 29 th | Zane Burzlaff |
| 16 th | Ashdon Converse | | |
| 17 th | Wendy Proctor
Judy Doescher | | |
| 20 th | Maggie Hartmann
Ben Paarmann
Cheryl Housman
Brady Dies
Ava Johnson | | |



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| 1 st | Erik & Jill Johnson
Dick & Mary Jo Kelly | 8 th | Duane & Bernice Meyer
Jeremy & Jessica Sunday |
| 2 nd | John & Joellyn McDonnell
Keith & Brenda Gustafson | 10 th | Cory & Rachael Krukow |
| 3 rd | Dale & JoAnn Greve | 15 th | Ryan & Carrie Carter |
| 5 th | Alan & Carla Watts | 17 th | Kurt & Colleen Flathers |
| 6 th | Kevin & Tina Meyer
Denise & Norlin Mommsen | 25 th | Kim & Beth Haring |
| 7 th | Matthew & Laura Nebel | | |

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church - June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 8:00am Traditional Worship w/ Communion 10:30am Traditional Worship w/ Communion 12:30pm Grace Camp Clean-Up Day	1 1:00pm 500 Card Club 6:00pm Board of Discipleship 6:30pm Elders Meeting	2 9:00am Cooking (1st-3rd Grade) @ Grace 1:00pm Cooking (1st-3rd Grade) @ Grace	3 7:00am Board of Finance Meeting 9:00am Fishing Camp (1st -6th Grade) 6:00pm VBS Volunteer Rally 7:00pm Sr. High - Pickle Ball Activity	4 9:00am Tops Meeting 9:30am Stay Active Senior Exercise Group	5	6 Hall Rental
7 "Wites" Sunday RaiseRight Orders Due 8:00am Traditional Worship w/ Communion 10:00am Praise Worship w/ Communion@ Grace Camp 4:00pm High School Youth Group	8 6:00pm Council Meeting	9 9:00am Cooking (1st-3rd Grade) @ Grace 1:00pm Cooking (1st-3rd Grade) @ Grace	10 9:00am Board of Finance Meeting 9:00am Fishing Camp (1st -6th Grade) 6:00pm VBS Volunteer Rally 7:00pm Sr. High - Pickle Ball Activity	11 9:00am Cooking Camp (4th-6th Grade) @ Grace 9:00am Tops Meeting 9:30am Stay Active Senior Exercise Group 1:00pm Cooking Camp (4th-6th Grade) @ Grace	12	13
14 8:00am Traditional Worship 10:00am Praise Worship @ Grace Camp	15 Newsletter Deadline 1:00pm 500 Card Club 7:00pm Youth Board Meeting	16 9:00am Arts & Crafts Camp (1st - 3rd Grade) 1:00pm Arts & Crafts Camp (4th - 6th Grade) 6:30pm Camp Board Meeting	17 9:00am Fishing Camp (1st -6th Grade)	18 9:00am Little Kids Camp 9:00am Tops Meeting 9:30am Stay Active Senior Exercise Group 4:00pm Victory Center Service Event	19	20
21 FATHERS DAY 8:00am Pancake Breakfast 8:00am Traditional Worship w/ Communion 10:00am Praise Worship w/ Communion@ Grace Camp	22 5:00pm V.B.S. Dinner 5:45pm V.B.S.	23 5:00pm V.B.S. Dinner 5:45pm V.B.S.	24 5:00pm V.B.S. Dinner 5:45pm V.B.S.	25 9:00am Tops Meeting 9:30am Stay Active Senior Exercise Group 5:00pm V.B.S. Dinner 5:45pm V.B.S.	26	27
28 8:00am Traditional Worship 10:00am Praise Worship @ Grace Camp	29	30	1 6:00pm Raise the Flags	2 9:00am Tops Meeting 9:30am Stay Active Senior Exercise Group	3	4