

# Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

## News & Notes

415 10<sup>th</sup> St, PO Box 156  
De Witt, IA 52742  
Church 563-659-9153 - Preschool 563-659-9193



Gifts, Tithes & Offerings for 5/10/2026. To fully fund the church budget, we need \$7,929.00 per week.

Weekly Offering \$ 5,210.00

**Weekly Shortage \$ 2,719.00**

**Attendance for the week of 5/10/2026**

### Sunday Worship

8:00 am 90

10:30 am 59

**Total 149**

### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE – May 17<sup>th</sup> – May 24<sup>th</sup>

#### Seventh Sunday of Easter

**Setting:** Divine Service, Setting 4, beginning on page 203

**Hymns:** 655 556 821 594 490

**Grace Choir directed by Julie Matzen - Accompanied by Connie Vickers**

“Hold Up the Light” Men’s Group – “Just a Little Talk with Jesus”

**Readings:** Acts 17:16-31 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21

**Sermon:** “It’s Simple. It Really Is”

**Praying For:** Allen Anderson, Brad Birtell, Dick Block, Elaine Schoening, David Edens, Scott McBride, Betsy Henningsen, Steve Smith, Mary Krapl, and Matthew Soenksen.

#### Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>

##### 8:00 a.m. Service

**Pastor Merle Warnsholz**

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Paul Kirby

Acolyte: Brady Dies

##### 10:30 a.m. Service

**Pastor Merle Warnsholz**

Music: Praise Band

Elder: Jon Betz

Acolyte: Leo Hill

#### Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>

##### 8:00 a.m. Service

**Pastor Merle Warnsholz**

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Paul Kirby

Acolyte: Ava Johnson

##### 10:30 a.m. Service

**Pastor Merle Warnsholz**

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Jon Betz

Acolyte: Larry Oronzio

## CALENDAR

5/17/2026	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship/Communion
	10:30 AM	Praise Worship/Communion
5/18/2026	1:00 PM	500 Card Club
	7:00 PM	Youth Board Meeting
5/19/2026	6:30 PM	Camp Board Meeting
5/21/2026	9:00 AM	Tops Meeting
	9:30 AM	Stay Active Senior Exercise Group
	4:00 PM	Victory Center Service Event
	6:00 PM	Raise the Flags at Church
5/24/2026	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship
	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship

Join us on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm for the **Congregational Call Meeting**.

The Mission Spotlight for May is for the Belize Mission Society. We are collecting mission donations to support the Food 4 Thought program. This program provides children with a daily hot lunch and a scholarship program that pays for school fees and uniforms. Donations can be left in the “white church” located on the table in the narthex. We have set a goal of \$500 to be sent to this mission. We have collected **\$127**.



Altar flowers were given by Ray and Sarah Ackerman, “Thanks be to God for 30 years of marriage.”

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

**Donations Needed** – We need food donations for the meals we provide during Vacation Bible School. Please see the table in the foyer to sign up for items needed.

### Graduation Open Houses:

Jackson Butler will be celebrating his graduation on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at Grace Camp in the Peter building from 11 am to 2 pm.

## 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 22<sup>nd</sup> – Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. 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 1<sup>st</sup>.**

## Donation Request for Empty Cans

We are looking for empty metal cans in sizes 14.75 to 15 ounces. Please use a safety opener so that the rim is not sharp. This helps ensure the cans are safe to handle and reduces the risk of injury. Place your cans in the basket located under the VBS sign-up 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

<b>SUNDAY, JUNE 7</b> 4:00 – 7:00 PM GRACE CAMP GYM BUILDING	<b>WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10</b> 7:00 PM PICKLEBALL COURTS IN TOWN
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- Walking tacos
- Scotcheroos
- Campfire & games
- Food. Fun. Friends.
- Pickleball
- Bring racket (extras available!)
- Ice cream after at  
Cups & Cones

*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



## 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](mailto: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:  
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**Volunteers are needed** for VBS and Day Camps. Please see the bulletin board in the foyer to see where help is needed.

New this year, all volunteers 18 years or older will need to be **background checked**. Please ask Mark or Kerry for the volunteer application. Thank you.

## Summer Worship Schedule Begins Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>

### Sunday Worship

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

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