

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

News & Notes

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Office Hours M-Th 8:00 a.m.-4:30 pm., Friday 8:00 a.m.-Noon

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE—November 15th— November 22nd

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Preacher: Pastor Timothy J. Carr

Liturgist: Pastor Brad A. Brown

Hymns: 903 664 827 v1,3 570 862
633 574

Scripture Lessons: Daniel 12: 1-3
Hebrews 10: 11-15
Mark 13:1-12

Sermon: "Hold Fast the Confession"

Mark 13:1-12

As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!" And Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down."

And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?" And Jesus began to say to them, "See that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains.

"But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations. And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death. And you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

THOSE IN SERVICE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH

8:30 a.m. Service
Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Scott Steffens
Ushers: Jim Owen
Fred Behr
Todd McWilliams
Greg Henningsen
Acolyte: Tyler Ketelsen
A/V: Rich Matzen

11:00 a.m. Service
Music: Praise Band
Elder: Ron Jurgersen
Ushers: Dave Hall,
Nancy Spain & Joey Spain
Acolyte:
MacKenzie Meggers
A/V: Rich Matzen

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

7:00 p.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Carvel Van Meter
Acolyte: Amber Meyer
A/V: Carol Anderson

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND

8:30 a.m. Service
Organist: Catherine Carr
Elder: Scott Steffens
Ushers: Jim Owen
Fred Behr
Todd McWilliams
Greg Henningsen
Acolyte: Jacob Minick
A/V: Vicki Becker

11:00 a.m. Service
Music: Praise Band
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Altar flowers this morning were given by Joan Lass in memory of Ron's birthday on November 18th.

Our Missionaries

Please keep in your prayers:

Pastor Leif Camp, St. Petersburg, Russia
Pastor Otto Brillinger & Pastor Sasha Bertsev, Almaty Kazakhstan

Calendar of Events

Sunday, 11/15

7:30 a.m. Bible Class
 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship/Communion
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes
 11:00 a.m. Praise Worship/Communion
 11:30-1:30 p.m. Happy Joe's Fundraiser for Grace Camp

Monday, 11/16

3:30 p.m. Westwing Communion
 6:00 p.m. Sunday School Teachers Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Youth Board Meeting

Tuesday, 11/17

7:00 a.m. Bible Study/Lee Schmidt
 6:30 p.m. Camp Board Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Board of Discipleship

Wednesday, 11/18

10:30 a.m. Church Service @ Westwing
 5:30 p.m. Faith Weaver Friends & Confirmation
 7:00 p.m. Worship/Communion
 7:45 p.m. Glory Bound Choir
 8:15 p.m. Cantata Rehearsal

Thursday, 11/19

2:00 p.m. Prayer Service

Friday, 11/20

10:00 a.m. Wheatland Manor Bible Study

Sunday, 11/22

7:30 a.m. Bible Class
 8:30 a.m. Worship
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes
 11:00 a.m. Praise Worship
 6:30 p.m. Varsity @ G.Y.M. Building

Monday, 11/23

6:30 p.m. Outreach Committee

Wednesday, 11/25 Thanksgiving Eve NO PRESCHOOL/ FAITHWEAVER FRIENDS OR CONFIRMATION

7:00 p.m. Worship

Thursday, 11/26 Thanksgiving Day OFFICE CLOSED/NO PRESCHOOL

9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion



Grace Camp Fundraiser

Happy Joe's Fundraiser

TODAY

11:30—1:30 p.m.

HIS GREAT LOVE our response for 11/08/2009

In our Gifts, Tithes & Offerings		Goal
General Fund	\$ 6,013.85	\$7,200.00
Sunday Basket	85.50	140.00
Grace Lutheran Camp	40.00	
Sunday School Offering	<u>70.58</u>	
	\$ 6,209.96	
Preschool Donations	\$ 425.00	

GENERAL FUND BUDGET NEEDS \$ 7,340.00 EACH WEEK

Received to Date \$ 301,368.15
 Surplus/Deficit for 2009 \$ -28,931.85

Attendance for week ending November 11th

In worship	Actual	Goal
Prayer Service	30	35
Sunday Worship		
8:30 a.m.	159	175
11:00 a.m.	78	175
Wednesday	<u>38</u>	<u>65</u>
Total	305	450

In Study on Sunday

Sunday School	64	65
Adult Bible Study	53	65
High School	6	15
Staff	<u>21</u>	<u>25</u>
Total	144	170

Midweek

Faith Weaver Friends	36
Confirmation	23
Staff	<u>16</u>
Total	75

Friendship Sunday

It is very important on FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY to spend a little extra time introducing yourself and members of your family to someone you do not know. Take a moment to extend your right hand and make an introduction.



Mission Statement: In grateful response to God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacraments, the mission of Grace Ev. Lutheran Church is to make known the love of Christ by word and deed within our church, communities and world.

YOUTH NEWS

CROSS TRAINING

Varsity Team

November 22, 2009

G.Y.M. Building

6:30—8:30 pm

Varsity and Junior Varsity Teams

December 13, 2009

G.Y.M. Building

6:30—8:30 pm

For a calendar of events go to:

<http://youth.gracedewitt.org>

Now We're Cooking!!!

Well, we're almost cooking. We have a great new kitchen at the G.Y.M. Building but are in need of a few items to help us round things out a bit. We are in need of cooking utensils, pots, pans, knives, cutting boards, pitchers, dish towels, pot holders, serving spoons, whisks, spatulas, or any other item that would help make our kitchen a functioning kitchen. If you have extras of any of these types of items or would be willing to purchase a new one for us we would greatly appreciate it. We do currently have a microwave, stove, and refrigerator. If there are other items you would be interested in donating contact Pastor Brown to see if it is an item we can use.

NEW! NEW! NEW! NEW! NEW!

Grace Youth Ministries has a new e-mail address and telephone number for the G.Y.M. Building.

Phone: 563.659.CELL (2355)

E-mail: graceyouth@iowatelecom.net

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Save The Date!

Sunday December 13, 2009

Grace Youth Ministries invites you to attend our Open House at the G.Y.M. Building. Everyone is invited to come and see the building now that it is complete and we have moved in. Watch the December Grace Church Newsletter for additional details.

Holiday Schedule

We have wonderful opportunities to thank the Lord for all his blessings this coming Thanksgiving!



Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Eve

7:00 p.m. Worship
November 25th

Thanksgiving Day

9:00 a.m. Worship
Communion
November 26th

STAFF DIRECTORY

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NEWS FROM THE PARISH NURSE: Again, we are hearing about the H1N1 Flu and there is more information from health resources to guide us to do our best to stay healthy. At the web site www.flu.gov, there are some tips for individuals to follow for keeping healthy. Some of the tips:

1. **Stay home if you are sick** with influenza-like illness – this also means to stay home at least 24 hours after being free from fever without use of fever-reducing medications [a good idea for any illness that produces fever].
2. **Wash your hands** frequently with soap and water – for 20 seconds; warm water is preferred; if no soap and water are available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
3. **Avoid touching** your nose, mouth and eyes
4. **Cover your coughs and sneezes** with a tissue, or cough and sneeze into your upper sleeve; dispose of tissues in no-touch receptacles.
5. **Wash your hands** or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer after coughing, sneezing, or blowing your nose.
6. **Maintain a healthy lifestyle;** attention to rest, diet, exercise, and relaxation helps maintain physical and emotional health.

We can encourage each other as we have opportunity – attending worship certainly is part of our healthy lifestyle, but it is sometimes necessary to protect others by staying at home! If you are in a situation where you cannot wash your hands, you can protect yourself and others by – not shaking hands, not touching your nose, mouth and eyes. Think about those times when you are touching public surfaces (grocery carts, doors of businesses as you go in or out) as times to be particularly careful to not touch nose, mouth, eyes, until you have had a chance to wash your hands!

A final recommendation is that protecting yourself from the seasonal flu (the usual flu vaccination) may play a part in protecting you from the H1N1 flu.

HANDWASHING has been found to be one of the most effective ways to protect against the spread of viruses. Please help us all!

Additional information is available about what symptoms might happen with H1N1 flu and when symptoms are an emergency. If you have questions, contact me -- Grace Gotoski, at church 659-9153 or at home 659-8146.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS
MEETING
MONDAY, November 16TH
6:00 P.M.**

ADVENT BREAKFAST

DECEMBER 5, 2009

8:00 a.m.

*Tickets (just \$5.00 each) on sale
beginning November 22nd.*

Holiday Worship Schedule

Wednesday Advent Services

11:00 a.m. Advent Worship
7:00 p.m. Advent Worship
December 2nd, 9th and 16th

Christmas Cantata

"Sing and Shout for Joy!"

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
December 13th

German Christmas Service

3:00 p.m.
December 20th

Stewardship Corner

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith -- and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God -- not by works, so that no one can boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9).

Salvation is a gift of God; we neither deserve it nor can we earn it. God gave it out of love for us (John 3:16). Jesus came to be our Savior while we were still sinners (Romans 5:8). Because Christ first loved us, we will want to give of our time, talents, and treasures in love and thankfulness to Him to help build and strengthen the members of the household of faith and to share the message of salvation with the whole world.