



# Calendar of Events

## Sunday, 3/8 Daylight Savings Time Begins

- 7:00 a.m. Worship
- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:30-11 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Class
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 6:30 p.m. Sr. L.Y.F @ Camp
- 6:30 p.m. B.I.G. D.O.G. @ Church

## Monday, 3/9

- 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting

## Tuesday, 3/10

- 9:00 a.m. Bible Study/Esther Circle
- 10:00 a.m. West Wing Bible Study

## Wednesday, 3/11

- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Lenten Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Confirmation/Midweek
- 6:15 p.m. Lenten Meal
- 7:00 p.m. Worship
- 8:00 p.m. Glory Bound Choir

## Thursday, 3/12

- 8:00 a.m. Sewing Ladies
- 2:00 p.m. Prayer Service

## Friday, 3/13

- 5-11:00 p.m. Scrap Booking & Craft Night

## Sunday, 3/15

- 7:00 a.m. Worship/Communion
- 8:30 a.m. Worship/Communion
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Class
- 11:00 a.m. Worship/Communion
- 5-7:00 p.m. Lasagna Dinner/Youth Fundraiser

## Monday, 3/16

- 3:30 p.m. West Wing Communion
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Board

## Tuesday, 3/17

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

## Wednesday, 3/18

- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Lenten Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Confirmation/Midweek
- 6:15 p.m. Lenten Meal
- 7:00 p.m. Worship
- 8:00 p.m. Glory Bound Choir

## HIS GREAT LOVE our response for 3/1/2009

In our Gifts, Tithes & Offerings		Goal
General Fund	\$ 6,688.50	\$7,200.00
Sunday Basket	62.70	140.00
Lent	136.00	
Capitol Improvements	145.00	
G.Y.M Building	140.00	
Sunday School Offering	57.32	
Grace Camp	160.00	
	<u>\$ 7,389.52</u>	

## GENERAL FUND BUDGET NEEDS \$ 7,340.00 EACH WEEK

Received to Date \$ 61,166.35  
 Surplus/Deficit for 2009 \$ -4,893.65

**Baby Bottle Boomerang \$ 864.18**

**G.Y.M. Building Update \$ 49,646.93**

## Attendance for week ending March 4<sup>th</sup>

In worship	Actual	Goal
Prayer Service	33	30
7:00 a.m.	35	65
8:30 a.m.	155	150
11:00 a.m.	97	140
Lent Midweek I		
11:00 a.m.	66	
7:00 p.m.	<u>155</u>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>450</b>

## In Study on Sunday

Sunday School	77	70
Adult Bible Study	42	65
High School	8	20
Staff	<u>22</u>	<u>25</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>180</b>

## In Study on Wednesday

Faithweaver Friends	32
Confirmation	32
Staff	<u>19</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>83</b>



Altar flowers this morning were given in honor of Jonah Paarmann's 15th Birthday on March 11th.

**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

## High School Sunday School – March 8, 2009

A mining company and its executives went on trial in criminal court this week in Montana, charged with knowingly continuing operations unchanged after learning that people were dying from pollution from the mine. The case gives us the opportunity to talk about what it means to be our brother's keeper, our sister's keeper, and to live our faith responsibly in the world. It's the next **Wired Word**.

## Sr. L.Y.F. Meets Tonight – March 8th

We'll meet at 6:30 p.m. at Grace Camp's Peter Retreat Center. Join us tonight for "American Idol". Bring a CD, iPod, or your MP3 player with your favorite songs and show off your talents. Of course there will be food, music, fellowship and an activity. We'll finish up around 8:30 p.m.

## Lasagna Dinner – March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009

DON'T FORGET the Annual Lasagna Dinner is taking place next week. If you have not received your assignment for working and what you have been assigned to bring for the dinner, PLEASE contact Laura Norcross or Pastor Brown. The Lasagna Dinner is a major fundraising event for the National Youth Gathering trip to New Orleans in 2010.

**\*NEW\***

**B.I.G. D.O.G. Gathering!**

**March 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to meet in Grace Hall at 6:30 pm. Food, Fellowship, Bible Study and Fun are just part of what we'll do in this first ever B.I.G. D.O.G. event! We'll be putting a unique twist on a childhood toy in a fast-paced game that will teach us something new about our relationship with Christ. You don't want to miss out! Bring a friend, or two, or three, (but not four...just kidding!)! This event is **JUST FOR YOU!**



*OctoberFeast  
Mark Your  
Calendar  
For  
October 11th*

Would you consider making a large food donation for this event? We're looking for a few major food items that would greatly reduce the food costs and could be a big help on your taxes!

We are interested in a volunteer to plant enough sweet corn to produce 300 ears of corn for the event.



We are also interested in donations of beef, pork, or chicken for the meal. If this is a tax-free donation that you would like to include in your financial plan this year, please contact Val Betz at 659-9151.



## **Pre-Register Now!**

Grace Lutheran Preschool is now pre-registering for Fall of 2009. We have a variety of 3-5 year old programs available, please see the bulletin board in the foyer or visit [www.gracedewitt.org/preschool](http://www.gracedewitt.org/preschool).

## **Interested in Teaching?**

Grace Lutheran Preschool is starting to look for an Early Childhood Certified teacher. If you, or anyone you know, may be interested, please contact us at [preschool@gracedewitt.org](mailto:preschool@gracedewitt.org) by March 8th.

**Pure In Heart Conference**—The Pure

in Heart Conference is designed for moms and tween girls (ages 7 to 12) as well as grandmothers, tween leaders, and any woman who desires to help young people keep themselves emotionally and physically pure. This day-long conference will strengthen your relationship with your tween and equip you to cultivate a royal vision of purity in your princess. This conference is scheduled for Saturday, April 18, 2009 at the Harvest Bible Chapel in Davenport, Iowa. Early registration is recommended due to limited tween space. Registration information is available on the foyer bulletin board.



“Serve the Lord with gladness!”

**Please Mark Your Calendar**

- March 17, 2009—Clinton Zone LWML Board Mtg.
- March 18, 2009—Lenten Lunch
- March 25, 2009—Lenten Lunch
- April 1, 2009—Lenten Lunch
- April 21, 2009—Clinton Zone LWML Spring Rally

The Clinton Zone LWML Board Meeting will meet on Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Charlotte at 9:30 a.m.

The Clinton Zone LWML Spring Rally will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Charlotte. Registration is at 5:00 p.m. and the meal will be served at 5:30 p.m.

**Mission Project**



**VICTORY CENTER**

On these harsh winter days, we often wonder how people who are homeless are staying warm and fed... while we are safe in our nice warm homes. Meeting the needs of the homeless is no easy task, but a group, only 20 miles away in Clinton, Iowa, is doing just that.

The time has come to do something about that call to help people survive hard times. The third Sunday in March, our Grace Outreach Committee would like you to prayerfully help us reach out to the to the Victory Center homeless mission by leaving a donation in the “white church” located in the narthex.



**Lilies for Easter** are being ordered through the Church Office this year. If you would like a lily to be placed in the sanctuary, please complete the form and return with your payment by March 29th. Lilies will have gold foil with a white bow. Cost is \$16 each.

**Schedule of Wednesday Lenten Services for 2009**

**March 11<sup>th</sup> Lenten Midweek III  
“The Patient Lamb of God”**

Preacher: Pastor Timothy J. Carr

- 11:00 a.m. Lenten Midweek Morning Service
- 12:00 p.m. Lenten Lunch (Soup/Chili)
- 6:15 p.m. Lenten Supper (Maidrites)
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Midweek Vespers

The Meals are by Free Will offering.

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