

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—July 5th— July 12th

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Preacher: Pastor Timothy J. Carr

Liturgist: Pastor Brad A. Brown

Liturgy: Divine Service Setting 1 pg 151

Hymns:

Scripture Lessons: Proverbs 8:1-21
 Romans 13:1-10
 Mark 12:13-17

Sermon: "Loyal To Church & State" Mark 12:13-17

Paying Taxes to Caesar

And they sent to him some of the Pharisees and some of the Herodians, to trap him in his talk. And they came and said to him, "Teacher, we know that you are true and do not care about anyone's opinion. For you are not swayed by appearances, but truly teach the way of God. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not? Should we pay them, or should we not?" But, knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, "Why put me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me look at it." And they brought one. And he said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" They said to him, "Caesar's." Jesus said to them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." And they marveled at him.

THOSE IN SERVICE SUNDAY, JULY 5TH

8:30 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke
 Elder:
 Ushers: Keith Gustafson,
 Bev Johnson,
 Betsy Henningsen
 Milo & Norma Soenksen
 Acolyte: Miah Betz
 A/V: Steve Butler

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

10:00 a.m. Service
 Music: Praise Band
 Elder: Scott Havener

THOSE IN SERVICE WEDNESDAY, JULY 8TH

WELTON CHAPEL WORSHIP

7:00 p.m. Service

Organist: Deb Pladna
 Elder: Carvel Van Meter

THOSE IN SERVICE SUNDAY, JULY 12TH

8:30 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Batke
 Elder: Dan Bark
 Ushers: Keith Gustafson,
 Bev Johnson,
 Betsy Henningsen
 Milo & Norma Soenksen
 Acolyte: Maddison Brown
A/V: Volunteer Needed

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

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Altar flowers this morning were given in honor of Dianna & Michael Hall's 12th wedding anniversary and in memory of Doug Wold by Dave, Barb & Denise Wold and family.

Voter's Meeting Monday, July 13, 2009 7:00 p.m.

Items on the Agenda

- Preschool Update
- Calling Mrs. Deje Jensen as Director/Teacher
- Approval of By-Laws/Constitution
- G.Y.M Building Update
- Luminary

Stewardship Corner

Jesus said, "Freely you have received, freely give" (Matthew 10:8). Be grace, God enables our giving, and, as He strengthens our faith and changes our hearts, we can give generously. Giving expresses our gratitude to God for Who He is and what He has done for us through His Son, Jesus. When our giving becomes important to us, we may not be able to buy or do things because our desire to give may force us to say, "No." However, we don't see our doing without or doing with less as being a sacrifice. Because God is the love and joy of our lives, our giving becomes a privilege rather than an obligation.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, 7/5 Patriotic Worship
MITES SUNDAY
 8:30 a.m. Worship/Communion @ Church
 10:00 a.m. Praise Worship/Communion @ Camp

Monday, 7/6
 2:00—6:00 p.m. Grace Lutheran Blood Drive in
 Grace Hall
 6:30 p.m. Board of Elders
 6:30 p.m. Board of Christian Education

Tuesday, 7/7
 7:00 a.m. Bible Study/Lee Schmidt
 9:00-3:00 p.m. Day Camp—Survivor Camp
 6:00 p.m. Star Light Theater Overnighter Begins

Wednesday, 7/8
 8:00 a.m. Star Light Theater Overnighter Ends
 7:00 p.m. Welton Chapel Worship/Communion

Thursday, 7/9
 7:30 a.m. Board of Finance
 9:00-3:00 p.m. Day Camp - Pioneer Days
 9:00 a.m. Sewing Ladies
 2:00 p.m. Prayer Service

Friday, 7/10
 3:00-9:00 p.m. Picture Taking for Pictorial
 5:00-11:00 p.m. Scrapbooking & Craft Night

Saturday, 7/11
 10:00-5:00 p.m. Picture Taking for Pictorial

Sunday, 7/12
 8:30 a.m. Worship @ Church
 10:00 a.m. Praise Worship @ Camp

Monday, 7/13
 6:30 p.m. Safety Presentation
 7:00 p.m. Voter's Meeting

Tuesday, 7/14
 9:00 a.m. Bible Study/Esther Circle
 @ Grete Maass'
 9:00-3:00 p.m. Incredible Edibles

Wednesday, 7/15
 7:00 p.m. Welton Chapel Worship



"Birdies for Charity" forms are available by contacting one of the Camp Board Members or by picking one up at the Welcome Center.

HIS GREAT LOVE our response for 6/28/2009

In our Gifts, Tithes & Offerings	Goal
General Fund	\$ 5,161.00
Sunday Basket	7.25
Capital Improvement	65.00
Kitchen	10.00
Library	10.00
Grace Camp Sunday Basket	51.00
Grace Lutheran Camp	<u>5.00</u>
	5,309.25

GENERAL FUND BUDGET NEEDS \$ 7,340.00 EACH WEEK
 Received to Date \$ 172,411.63
 Surplus/Deficit for 2009 \$ -18,428.37

Attendance for week ending July 8th

In worship	Actual	Goal
Prayer Service	27	35
Sunday Worship		
8:30 a.m.	104	175
10:00 a.m.	118	150
Wednesday	<u>49</u>	<u>40</u>
Total	298	400

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE Monday, July 6, 2009 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Grace Hall



If you would like to donate call the office or register at the Welcome Center. If you are 16 years of age and would like to donate there are special permission slips which can be picked up at the church office at 659-9153.

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.



Summer Camp 2009
August 3rd - 5th
“CONNECTED”

Mark your calendars! Summer Camp 2009 will begin for campers on August 3, 2009 and will end with a worship service at the Grace Camp for campers and families on August 5, 2009. The theme for Summer Camp this year is “CONNECTED” based on Romans 8:38-39 “For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” We will be focusing daily on how we are “CONNECTED” to one another, to Christ, and to the whole Christian Church.

We are still looking for Adult/Youth Counselors, please call Pastor Brown at the office for more information.

Registration forms are available at the church and on line. For more information contact Pastor Brown, Alli Oppeneer, or the church office.

CAMP

There are still a number of Day Camps being offered by Grace Camp. If you would like your child to attend you can log onto www.gracedewitt.org or call the church office for registration information. **Please make sure to turn in your registration on or before the deadline to insure your child can attend.** Currently we have had 53 more children registered for camp this year than attended last year and registrations are still coming in.

Junior Varsity - July 12, 2009

6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

We'll be painting our Gnomes for “Gnome Your Home”

2009 IDE Convention (June 26-27) Report

Proclaiming Christ Jesus in Your Fields of Opportunity was the theme of the 37th convention of the Iowa District East-The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod held in Cedar Rapids. 87 churches were present. During the convention many worship and Bible study opportunities were presented that focused on the theme of the convention.

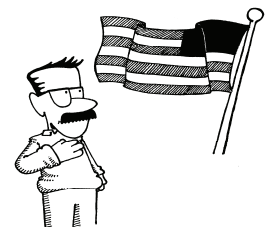
After the opening worship service, the decision was made to continue the IDE president as a full time position. Rev. Brian Saunders, from Our Savior in Muscatine, was elected as IDE District President. Dr. Matthew Reuger was re-elected as First Vice President and Rev. Daniel Krueger was elected as 2nd Vice President.

Rev. Dr. Diekelman, 1st Vice President of synod, presented the LCMS President's Report via a brief video by President Kieschinck who thanked President Arp and his wife Marjorie for their tenure as President and first lady of the district. He wished them God's blessings on their future. Rev. Dr. Diekelman also presented the Blue Ribbon Taskforce report on the Synodical Structure.

Circuit Counselor's, elected by each circuit, were confirmed by the convention. Included in the list is Rev. Timothy Carr, Circuit Counselor of the Clinton Circuit.

COOKIES FOR DAY CAMPS—Cookies are again needed as we begin our day camp season, bring them to the church kitchen or office. **Please no nuts or peanut butter.** Cookies are always needed and will be greatly appreciated and enjoyed. Thank you!

BECAUSE WE LIVE IN A COUNTRY WITH A GOVERNMENT THAT ALLOWS US TO SAY, “ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL,” WE CAN WORSHIP AND SERVE JESUS FEELY.



“I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness” (1 Timothy 2:1-2).



Preschool News

Now Enrolling!

Grace Lutheran Preschool
415 10th St., DeWitt

4 & 5-year olds Monday-Friday 8:30-11 a.m.
3 & 4-year olds Monday, Tuesday &
 Thursday 12-2:30 p.m.
3-year olds Wednesday & Friday
 12-2:30 p.m.

Tuition—FREE preschool for 4-year-olds!
(a.m. classes only)
Courtesy of the statewide voluntary
preschool program.

For more information call the church office
563-659-9153 or
preschool@gracedewitt.org

Grace Lutheran Preschool is now accepting resumes for a morning teacher's aide position. Requirements are a high school diploma or GED and a CDA (Child Development Associate) or equivalent. **Qualified applicant must absolutely love working with young children** and be able to work in a team environment. This position is Monday through Friday mornings from approximately 8:20 – 11:10 AM. Must be willing to complete training requirements and undergo a criminal background check. For more information, e-mail

prechool@gracedewitt.org.

Mail resume to:

Grace Lutheran Preschool
Attn.: Deje Jensen,
P.O Box 156, DeWitt, IA 52742

Deadline for applications is July 20, 2009.

FUNDRAISER—4-H Pancake Breakfast on July 12th from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Fairgrounds Food Pavilion. Proceeds from this breakfast will go toward 4-H enrollment fees for all youth in Clinton County. We will be serving pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, juice and milk. The cost will be \$5.00 per person, children under 5 free. Event is sponsored by Farm Credit Services.

The Safety Committee will be presenting fundamental information and training to the volunteers and members of Grace Lutheran Church in the coming months. The second meeting will be July 13th at 6:30 p.m., prior to the July Voters' Meeting. The presentation will be approximately 30 minutes long and will cover basic policies and procedures for volunteers, staff and members of Grace Lutheran Ministries to follow to implement a safe environment for everyone. All are invited to attend this essential meeting. The background applications for adults and students are available on the website or in the office. All volunteers need a background check before they are allowed to volunteer. Questions or concerns, please contact Michele at the office.

THE PRODUCE TABLE is back and is located just inside the west front door. If you have extra garden "goodies," please bring them to share. Thank you!

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