

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

News & Notes

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

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE - AUGUST 3RD —AUGUST 10TH

11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Preacher : Pastor Timothy J. Carr

Liturgy: LSB Setting 3 (pg 184)

Hymns: 697 642 774
 636 820 573

Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 55: 1-5
 Romans 9: 1-5
 Matthew 14: 13-21

Sermon: "Supersized Happy Meal"
 Matthew 14: 13-21

In His great Love, our response for 07/27/2008

Our Gifts, Tithes & Offerings		Goal
General Fund	\$ 6,097.91	\$7,000.00
Sunday Basket Offering	\$ 55.00	\$ 360.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 20.00	
G.Y.M. Building	\$ 20.00	
Summer Camp	\$ 100.00	
Grace Camp	\$ 40.00	
Grace Camp Basket	\$ 95.25	
	\$ 6,428.16	

Attendance for week ending July 27th

In worship	Actual	Goal
Prayer Warriors	27	35
Welton Chapel	26	50
8:00 a.m.	103	150
9:30 a.m.	168	200
Total	324	435

Sunday, 8/3 "Mites Sunday"

8:00 a.m. Worship at Grace/Communion
 9:30 a.m. Grace Camp Outdoor Worship/
 Communion
 5:30 p.m. Counselor Orientation

Monday, 8/4

10:00 a.m. Camper Registration
 6:30 p.m. Board of Elders Meeting

Tuesday, 8/5

7:00 p.m. Family Night at Camp
 Entertainment by the Kaczinski Family

Wednesday, 8/6

10:30 a.m. Camp Closing

Thursday, 8/7

2:00 p.m. Prayer Service
 7:00 p.m. Welton Chapel Worship/Communion
 8:00 p.m. Sundaes after Service

Friday, 8/8

5-11:00 p.m. Scrap-booking/Craft Night

Sunday, 8/10

8:00 a.m. Worship at Grace
 9:30 a.m. Grace Camp Outdoor Worship

Monday, 8/11

7:30 a.m. Board of Finance Meeting
 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting

Tuesday, 8/12

10:00 a.m. West Wing Bible Study
 7:00 p.m. G.Y.M. Task Force Meeting

Wednesday, 8/13

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

THOSE IN SERVICE SUNDAY, AUGUST 3RD

8:00 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke
 Elder: Dick Schrage
 Usher: The Maass Family
 Acolytes:

Brandon Paasch
 Drew Volrath

Chancel Care:

Becky Kirby
 Norma Jean Soenksen

A/V: Steve Butler

9:30 a.m. Service

Music: Praise Band
 Elder: Carvel Van Meter
 Chancel Care:
 Julie Krukow

THOSE IN SERVICE THURSDAY, AUGUST 7TH

Welton Chapel Worship

Elder: Alan Ruggeberg
 Organist: Deb Pladna
 Chancel Care: Mary Garlough



Flowers on the altar this morning are in honor of Dick & Lavonne Martin's 45th wedding anniversary on August 4th.

The Prayers & Petitions—In our special petitions we pray for Dick Broadfoot, Ruth Huebbe, Josh Mitchell, Annie Petersen, Seth Galloway, Dianna Hall, Ron Lass, Laverne Laschanky, Wes Roseland, Craig Mueller (Dennis Mueller), Doug Lass (son of Ruth Van Meter), Rev. Ronald Goodsman, Scott Nothdorf (son of Charlotte Nothdorf), Jim Rainear (friend of Ray Ackerman), Michael Diekmann (brother of Kim Brown), Todd Tjaden (brother of Joy Marik), James Morehead (father of Michelle Diercks), Dorothy Noonan (friend of Charlotte Nothdorf), Brian Mumm (nephew of Rod & Diane Wold), Charles Steinbeck (brother of Jean Leinbaugh), Sally Carter (friend of Fred & Joan Smith), Pam Stutzel (sister-in-law of Denise Smith), Darlene Ahndt (friend of Charlotte Nothdorf), Kathy Ocheltree (friend of Charlotte Nothdorf), Lisa Delfs (sister of Grete Maass), James Bark (father of Dan Bark), Karen Elzey (daughter of Ron & LaVonne Jurgersen), Todd Dies (son-in-law of Dorsey Scott), Helmer Breeton (grandfather of Michelle Diercks), Rachel Doyle (granddaughter of Pastor Galen & Jeannette Drawbaugh), Amy Ogden (niece of Shawn Wright), Betsy and Elle Loehr (daughter and granddaughter of Dick and Kay Lincoln), Jack Lindaman (great-grandson of Virgil Cleveland), Jan McCauley (friend of Michelle Diercks), all the members of Grace currently serving in the Armed Forces. We remember the family of Myrna Strasser (Myrna had been a frequent guest and speaker at Grace Camp Retreats and many Grace Lutheran Women gatherings) whom the Lord called to himself this past week.

THOSE IN SERVICE SUNDAY, AUGUST 10TH

8:00 a.m. Service	9:30 a.m. Service
Organist: Catherine Carr	Music: Praise Band
Elder: Dick Schrage	Elder: Carvel Van Meter
Usher: The Maass Family	
Acolytes:	
Brandon Paasch	
Drew Volrath	
A/V: Rich Matzen	

THOSE IN SERVICE THURSDAY, AUGUST 14TH

Welton Chapel Worship
 Elder: Alan Ruggeberg
 Organist: Deb Pladna



Sundaes After Service
August 7, 2008
At
8:00 p.m.
Grace Camp Pavilion

Do you have a trap set you would like to donate to the Praise Band? The Praise Band is looking for a trap set to add to their instrument selection. If you have one that you would be willing to donate, please contact Troy Diercks.



ALTAR FLOWERS—We still have a few openings for altar flowers. The dates available are October 5, October 19th, November 2, and December 14th. If you

would like to place flowers on the altar on any of these dates, please contact the church office or the sign up sheet is on the table in the foyer.



WE HAVE GREAT NEWS!! Our 2008-2009 Sunday School Staff has been filled. We want to thank everyone who has volunteered their time and talent to help spread God's word to our young members. Thank you and we look forward to a wonderful Sunday School year.



Listen up ball players! Are you 16 or older and love playing softball? Grace is putting together a team to enter into the community wide softball tournament. The tournament is September 6th, starting at 10:00 a.m. at Westbrook Park. Anyone interested should contact Jon Belsaas at 659-9015.

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.

G.Y.M. BUILDING

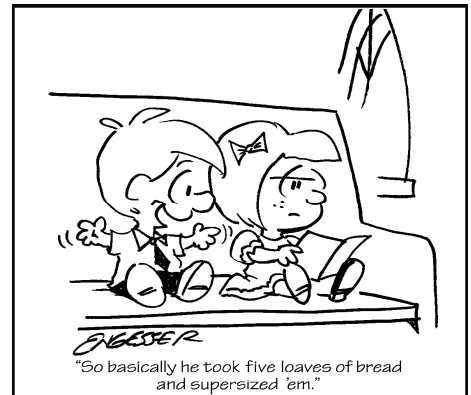
G. Y. M. Building to Become a Reality.

Great News! The Voters' Assembly of Grace Lutheran Church has approved the construction of the **Grace Youth Ministries Building**. This Building has a cost of \$250,000 – \$300,000 (depending on how soon we get started as the prices of all building materials are escalating rapidly). The Grace Camp Board has approved the gift of \$100,000 from their Building Fund (Miles of Dimes). The congregation needs to have \$50,000 in donations received and then with this

\$150,000 in hand the project will begin. What can you do to help facilitate the building of our G.Y.M. Building? Step one – pray for the success of this project. Step 2 – prayerfully consider giving a gift for this wonderful work of God in our midst. A Challenge Matching Grant has been offered by the family of Merton & Hilda Anderson. \$10,000 will be given to this project when \$10,000 is given by other members. We thank the Anderson's for their generous support in getting this project moving forward rapidly.

Building Healthy Families: Did you know that the first week in August is *National Simplify Your Life Week*? Its' proponents suggest that you do something each day this week to reduce the stress in your life and start enjoying life more. Books are written and TV shows produced that tell us how to get organized and de-stressed. While these offer some excellent temporary ideas, our Father encourages us to find refreshment and lasting rest in Him. Take some time this week to take Him up on His invitation.

Family Services of Iowa (800) 622-7285,



**Fall
Worship
Schedule**

New 2008—2009 Worship Schedule Begins September 3, 2008

Fall to Memorial Day:

Sunday 7:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

(also an adult Bible Class)

Sunday 9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Class

Sunday 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Worship @ Grace Church

Thursday 2:00 p.m. Prayer Service

GOD SQUAD FOR JESUS Summer Camp 2008

August 3rd @ 5:30 p.m.
Counselor Orientation

August 4th @ 10:00 a.m.
Summer Camp Registration

August 5th @ 7:00 p.m.
Family Night

August 6th @ 10:30 a.m.
Camp Closing



*Let everything that has breath praise
the Lord. Psalms 150:6*

Summer Camp is always looking for volunteers. If you have any time available and would like to lend a hand, please stop by the camp and check in at the Camp Store.

Volunteers for Mid-Week Program

The Board of Christian Education is looking for volunteers to help with the mid-week ministry which will be starting in September. This ministry will be geared to Pre-school through 4th grade. It will take place at the same time as the confirmation classes and will be an enhancement to that program. We need enthusiastic and energetic volunteers to help with different age groups and activities. Materials being used for will be similar to a Vacation Bible School format with an opening and stations for different activities each night. Please prayerfully consider your involvement with this program. If you would be interested in assisting as either a group leader or station leader for Bible lessons, crafts, music, memory games, or other activities, please contact Kristy Engelkes at 285-5573 and let her know you would be willing to help.

Crop Walk 2008—Community wide Crop Walk organizational meeting to be held, Wednesday, August 6th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph School, 417 4th Avenue, DeWitt, IA .

Upcoming Educational Opportunities Beginning In September

There are several new educational opportunities beginning in the month of September. These include renewed mid-week groups for Pre-school through 4th grade, an expanded opportunity for 5th and 6th grade students to be involved in learning about both the Old and New Testaments prior to beginning Catechism classes, updated curriculum for 7th and 8th Grade Catechism classes, as well as an adult Bible study opportunity.

An orientation meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 3rd at 6:00 pm for parents and students in 5th through 8th grade to give an overview of the new curriculum. Mid-week, Pre-Confirmation, Confirmation, and adult classes all begin on September 10th at 5:30 pm. We look forward to the opportunity to study and learn about God's Word together in the upcoming year.

“Get to Know Pastor Brown” Bonfire

Where: Grace Camp

When: Sunday, August 10th

Time: 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Who: All youth and their families

What to bring: Just yourselves!!



**We want everyone there to help us
Welcome Pastor Brown!!!**

Hotdogs, chips, s'mores, and drinks will be served.
RSVP to Laura (563-357-5295) or church
(563-659-9153) by August 7th