

# “ I HAVE GOOD NEWS FOR YOU”

(Adult Instruction)  
For You and Your Friends!

1. About A God Who Cares For You
2. About A Bible Which Guides and Frees You
3. About A Savior Who Saves You
4. About A Spirit Who Converts You
5. About A Washing Which Cleanses You
6. About A Meal Which Feeds You
7. About a Devotional Life Which Blesses You
8. About Keys Which Lock and Unlock
9. About A Stewardship Which Is Fully Committed
10. About a Life Which Never Ends

**P**eople from all kinds of church backgrounds and some with no church background will attend. This in-depth Bible study deals with all aspects of the Christian faith directly from the Bible.

The classes are informal and are led by our Pastor. You can ask questions, as most people do, or you can just listen. It is free and without obligation. All sessions are on DVD in case of absence. For those completing the class it serves as our adult membership class.

Why not give it a try? We are sure you will discover that this Bible study is unlike any you've ever attended. The impact it will have on your life will be surprising and welcome.

**We call this: The V I P Class**  
(Vitality Informed Persons)

**It begins: Tuesday, September 9, 2008**  
(7:00—8:15 p.m.)

**Meeting place: Meeting Room 2**  
(next to the Church Library)

For more information, please contact Pastor Carr.



**M&M's (Modern Mom's)  
Bible Study  
September 9th at 7:00 p.m.  
Grace Church Lounge**

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP** was cancelled on Monday due to an error in the Newsletter, please watch your news and notes for more information on this wonderful fellowship opportunity.

**LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY** – A new LIFELIGHT Adult Bible Study is being offered during the Midweek Ministry on Wednesdays. The Book of Acts is the first study. Each week the participants will receive their lesson guide for the next session. During the week the participants prepare the guide by studying the Bible at home. During the class time, on Wednesday, the leader runs the whole group through the study guide. It's a great way to “dig deeper” in the text of God's Word.

There is a sign up sheet and session one materials available on the table in the foyer for those who would like to participate. The discussion of the first session will take place on September 10, 2008 (5:30-6:45 p.m.)

The class will meet in Meeting Room 1 (the Lounge)

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### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE - SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>—SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>

17 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	
<b>Preacher:</b>	Pastor Timothy J. Carr
<b>Liturgist:</b>	Pastor Brad A. Brown
<b>Liturgy:</b>	LSB Setting IV
<b>Hymns:</b>	864 605 821 821 (Stanza 5) 867 797 619 917
<b>Scripture Lessons:</b>	Ezekiel 33: 7-9 Romans 13: 1-10 Matthew 18: 1-20
<b>Sermon:</b>	“Mentor or Monster?” Matthew 18: 1-6
 Altar flowers this morning were given by Kim & Shawn Wright in honor of their 19th wedding anniversary. <i>Altar Flowers</i>	
<b>HIS GREAT LOVE our response for 8/31/2008</b>	
<b>In our Gifts, Tithes &amp; Offerings</b>	
	<b>Goal</b>
General Fund	\$ 5,450.50 \$7,000.00
Sunday Basket	\$ 10.00 360.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 67.00
G.Y.M Building Fund	\$ 120.00
Midweek	\$ 100.00
Grace Camp	\$ 76.00
Grace Camp Basket	\$ 34.20
	<b>\$ 5,857.70</b>
Giving Plus Donations	\$ 825.00
<b>Attendance for week ending September 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	
<b>In worship</b>	<b>Actual Goal Communion</b>
Prayer Warriors	30 35
Welton Chapel	28 50
8:00 a.m.	91 150 85
9:30 a.m.	136 200
Wednesday	<u>36</u> <u>50</u> 31
<b>Total</b>	<b>321 485</b>

#### THOSE IN SERVICE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>

7:00 a.m. Service	8:30 a.m. Service
Organist: Diana Baetke	Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Dave Wold	Elder: Lauren Hansen
Ushers: Joel Schanze Ronnie Peters Leon Doescher	Ushers: Ron Jurgersen Nancy Spain Joey Spain Jason Spain
Acolyte: Mitchell Jebson	Acolyte: Madison Cousins
A/V: Ray Ackerman	A/V: Nancy Haney

#### 11:00 a.m. Service

Music: Praise Band  
Elder: John Hansen  
Usher: Dan Bark  
Mike Good, Steven Schatz  
Acolyte: Mitchell Kirby  
A/V: David Knight

#### THOSE IN SERVICE WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>

Organist: Ray Ackerman  
Elder: Brad Anderson  
Acolyte: Kayla Daniels  
A/V: Nancy Haney

#### THOSE IN SERVICE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>

7:00 a.m. Service	8:30 a.m. Service
Organist: Diana Baetke	Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Dave Wold	Elder: Lauren Hansen
Ushers: Joel Schanze Ronnie Peters Leon Doescher	Ushers: Ron Jurgersen Nancy Spain Joey Spain Jason Spain
Acolyte: Chloe Mangan	Acolyte: Caitlyn Griem
<b>A/V: Need Volunteers</b>	A/V: Rich Matzen

#### 11:00 a.m. Service

Music: Praise Band  
Elder: John Hansen  
Usher: Dan Bark  
Mike Good, Steven Schatz  
Acolyte: Christopher Marlow  
A/V: Rich Matzen

#### THOSE IN SERVICE WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>

Organist: Ray Ackerman  
Elder: Brad Anderson  
Acolyte: Bryce Gassmann  
A/V: Nancy Haney

# Calendar of Events

## Sunday, 9/7 "Mites Sunday"

### Grandparent's Day

- 7:00 a.m. Worship/Communion
- 8:30 a.m. Worship/Communion
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Praise Worship/Communion
- 12:15 p.m. Church Picnic @ Grace Camp Pavilion**

## Monday, 9/8

- 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting

## Tuesday, 9/9

- 10:00 a.m. West Wing Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. VIP Class (Meeting Room 2)
- 7:00 p.m. M&M's (Lounge)

## Wednesday, 9/10

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. 5<sup>th</sup>—8<sup>th</sup> Confirmation/Midweek**
- 7:00 p.m. Worship/Communion
- 7:45 p.m. Glory Bound Choir

## Thursday, 9/11

- 9:00 a.m. Sewing Ladies
- 2:00 p.m. Prayer Service - Remembering those who lost their lives on 9-11**

## Friday, 9/12

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

## Sunday, 9/14

- 7:00 a.m. Worship
- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Praise Worship

## Monday, 9/15

- 11:30 a.m. OWL's Potluck
- 3:30 p.m. West Wing Communion

## Tuesday, 9/16

- 6:30 p.m. Board of Discipleship
- 6:30 p.m. Camp Board

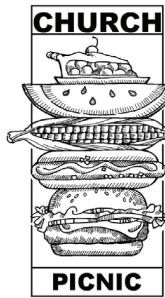
## Wednesday, 9/17

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Confirmation/Midweek
- 7:00 p.m. Worship

If you are in 5th—8th grade and you missed confirmation orientation, please contact Pastor Brown for more information.

## NEWS FROM IMMANUEL LUTHERAN

Pastor Arndt's farewell will take place this Sunday, September 7th with a retirement service at 10:00 a.m. followed by a farewell pot luck at noon at Immanuel's Hall. Grace members are invited.



This Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>  
at 12:15 p.m.  
Grace Camp Pavilion

Families whose last names begin with:  
A-I Dessert  
J-Q Salad  
R-Z Meat or casserole dish

*In case of rain picnic will be in Grace Hall.*

**REFERRAL CENTER MONTH** – September is Referral Center Month at Grace. The Referral Center in DeWitt has been running short on both food and monetary donations are accepted. **Main meal items needed are: "Hamburger Helper", boxed potatoes and canned fruits & vegetables.** Please bring your donations for the Referral Center to the display in the Foyer anytime during September. A special collection will be taken for the Referral Center the week of Sunday, September 28. Thank you.



Please note that we are no longer printing prayers in the weekly News and Notes, instead we will have updated prayer sheets available on the Welcome Center counter for those who would like them. We will also continue to print the full prayer list in the monthly newsletter.



**September 10th**  
**At 7:45 p.m.**  
**Meet in the**  
**Balcony**

**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.



The Home Mission Circle of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Stanwood, IA invites you to the Clinton Zone LWML Fall Rally on Tuesday, September 16, 2008. We are at the corner of Hwy 30 & 38. The day will begin with registration starting at 11:30 a.m. and a luncheon at noon in the church fellowship hall. Luncheon cost is \$3.50.

The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. with devotion, Bible Study, and business meeting. Our theme is Soar Like Eagles—Flit Like Butterflies. There will be only one collection for the day. If any are unable to attend, but wish to add to the offerings please send it with anyone that will be coming to the rally.

Rev. Max Mons, Campus Ministry at St. Paul, Iowa City, will present "Why Campus Ministry?" Suggestions for in-gathering include: Coffee for the coffee-maker; tea, Green Tea, Country Time Lemonade Mix, cookies or cash donations.

If you would like to attend this meeting, please sign up before September 9th. A sign up sheet is on the Welcome Center.

## A Child's Prayer for Grandparents

*Dear God, please bless my grandparents.*

*Thank you for the life they gave my parents*

*and for the life they give to me.*

*For the ways they helped me and made me strong, I give thanks.*

*For the ways they love me no matter what, I rejoice.*

*For the ways they have paved the road that leads me here, I am grateful.*

*Let them grow in wisdom and joy in life.*

*Let them find peace and rest from their work.*

*Let them be healed of every sickness and pain.*

*And let them see with their own eyes the glory of your Son, Jesus, in the love of their children and grandchildren.*

*Bless them always until they come to rest in you.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



**G.Y.M. Building Fund Total**  
**\$ 23,644.97**

## LWR 2008 FALL COLLECTION

**DRIVE**—The fall collection drive for Lutheran World Relief is underway. Please note that this year we are only collecting new items for school kits. Donations may be placed in the display area by the bulleting board in the church foyer. The deadline for donations is Sunday, October 12th. Thank you for your support. - Eve Circle



**WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THE FAITHWEAVER FRIENDS MIDWEEK MINISTRY**, which begins on September 10<sup>th</sup>. We need small group leaders for preschool and elementary-aged groups (kindergarten – 4<sup>th</sup> grade) as well as people to help with crafts, games, music and a surprise station. Whether you can help every week or only a few weeks a month, we can use you. Please sign up on the form in the church foyer or contact Kristy Engelkes at 285-5573.

**St. Joseph's Catholic Church in DeWitt** will be holding their Fall Festival on Sunday, September 21st. There will be a 3 on 3 basketball tournament which starts at 11:30 a.m., silent auction, children's games and more. The beef & pork dinner is from 3:00-7:00 p.m. cost is \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children (6-12) and carryout is available.