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Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

Looking Ahead

- **June 23-July 3** Annie Vacation (*see calendar on reverse for office hours*)
- **July 4** Independence Day, Office Closed
- **July 6** Food Pantry Sunday
- **July 13 & 20** Endowment Discussion Between Services
- **July 27** Special Congregational Meeting
- **August 1** WELCA Ice Cream & Pie Social
- **August 10** Jazz Worship Joint Worship 9:30am
- **August 29** Hope at the Brickhouse Dinner
- **August 31** Joint Worship at 9:30am
- **September 1** Office Closed for Labor Day
- **September 21** Block Party
- **September 28-30** Prs at Fall Theological Conference



Food Pantry Sunday

Our next food pantry collection is **July 6**. Let's make this our best year yet! Suggestions and ideas are in the weekly update email and Grace Notes newsletter. Bring your non-perishable donations on Sunday and set them before the altar.

Endowment Conversations

Come and learn about the proposed changes to the constitution and the Endowment on **July 13 and 20 between services**. You can chat with the Endowment Committee and the Council about why they are recommending this path.



**The Church Office will be Closed
Friday, July 4, in Observance of
the Independence Day Holiday**



Wednesday Walk in the Word

Join Pastor Stephanie for a devotion and prayer before taking a walk in VanderVeer Park (meet at the fountain) Wednesdays at either 8:30am or 7:00pm. Root yourself in creation and take a moment to ground yourself in the middle of your week.

"Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together. All things connect." -Chief Seattle, Duwamish/Suquamish

Second Sunday Junior Bible Study SUMMER

Pastor Kirsten will lead Junior Bible Study in the narthex during both worship services with a short lesson and a small craft. **The next JBS dates are: July 13 and August 10.**



June 14 | July 12 | Aug 2
Shifts: 8:30am-Noon or Noon-3pm

WELCA Pie & Ice Cream Social

Friday, August 1 | 7:30pm | Free-will Donation

Pie, Ice Cream, and Great Music! Join our Grace WELCA for pie and ice cream and enjoy the Bettendorf Community Band at **Veterans Memorial Park (1645 23rd Street, Bettendorf)** as they perform their favorite songs from this 57th season! Come have a good time and support both WELCA and the Bettendorf Community Band.



St. Paul has invited Grace to join them in constructing a house. Come help with framing, drywall, siding, and much more. No prior building experience needed.

Sign up online for one or more shifts at bit.ly/GraceSummerHab or talk with Pastor Kirsten and she can add you to the volunteer list.



Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thrivent members can direct their choice dollars to Grace! By directing Choice Dollars, eligible clients with membership can recommend where some of Thrivent's charitable outreach funds go. For more information talk to your Thrivent rep or go to thrivent.com/thriventchoice.

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Birdies for Charity

Grace Pray & Play is again participating in the John Deere Classic Birdies for Charity, and there are two ways you can offer your financial support: ✓**By check** - checks must be made out to Birdies for Charity and submitted with the brochure (available in the narthex). You can put it in the offering plate or leave it in the office. ✓**Online** at birdiesforcharity.com/donate. Click on "donate now" and enter **1943** as our charity ID. Questions can be directed to Pastor Kirsten. Thank you for your consideration and donation! **The deadline for donations is tomorrow - Monday, June 30.**



Grief Support Group

Next Meeting: July 2 Grief Support Group meets the first Wednesday of the month 5:30pm in Pat Bell Hall (in the Summer). Please join us! Anyone is welcome at anytime, and please be assured our conversations are kept in confidence. Questions? Contact: Cindy Lee 563-370-5386.



Service Day Quilters

Next Meeting Dates: July 8 and 9 Anyone can join to help at church or at home. Questions? Contact Gloria Lange 563-271-1542 langejg1@msn.com or Kathy Miller kathyk1679@aol.com 563-676-0914.



Page Turners Book Group

Next Meeting: July 19 We meet at 8:30am the third Saturday each month at different locations for breakfast, book discussion, and great fellowship (reading the book is not required). **June Book:** *What You Leave Behind* by Wanda Morris **Host:** Janice Gibbs 563-332-6791 **Location:** TBD



Centering Prayer

Mondays 4:30pm via Zoom In the Christian tradition, Contemplative Prayer is considered to be the pure gift of God - an the opening of mind and heart. Cheryl Kritsch 563-343-0135 facilitates the group which meets via Zoom every Monday (except holidays) at 4:30pm (link emailed in the Weekly Update).



Men's Lunch

Men's "Lunch and Conversation" meets every Wednesday at Vanderveer Park. Bring a lunch from home or pick something up from a restaurant. Contact Dennis Boehme at boehmed@aol.com or 563-320-2661 to be added to the email list.

Putnam Museum: Sacred Places



June 14-August 31
1717 W 12th St, Davenport

Sacred Spaces is an exhibit highlighting more than two dozen sacred sites around the globe, sharing the beliefs of teens and adults who worship at the sites, along with artifacts, immersive experiences, and a dome theater. You are invited to learn about these spaces and gain a better understanding of various faith traditions.

Sunday, June 29

8:30am Traditional Worship & Livestream
9:30am Coffee Hour
10:30am Contemporary Worship

Monday, June 30

Office 10am-2pm

Annie Vacation

10:30am Staff Meeting
4:30pm Centering Prayer - Zoom

Tuesday, July 1

Office 10am-2pm

Annie Vacation

10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH
1:30pm Personnel Committee Meeting
5:00pm Property Committee Meeting

Wednesday, July 2

Office 10am-2pm

Annie Vacation

8:30am Walk @ Vander Veer
12:00pm Men's Lunch Group
5:30pm Grief Support Group - PBH
7:00pm Walk @ Vander Veer

Thursday, July 3

Office 10am-2pm

Annie Vacation

11:00am Prayer Group

Friday, July 4

Office Closed for Independence Day

Saturday, July 5

1:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Sunday, July 6

Food Pantry Sunday

8:30am Traditional Worship & Livestream
9:30am Coffee Hour
10:30am Contemporary Worship

Monday, July 7

10:30am Staff Meeting
4:30pm Centering Prayer - Zoom

Following Jesus' teachings, Grace seeks to educate, lead, and partner with all people through discipleship to worship, service, and faith celebration.

Third Sunday After Pentecost

June 29, 2025 8:30am

Grace Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa

Pastor Stephanie Wood † Pastor Kirsten Lee

Welcome! We are so happy you have joined us!

Congregational response in bold.

Prelude

How Great Thou Art.....arranged by Jerry Ray

Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin. (*Silence is kept for reflection.*)

Merciful God, **you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of † Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

All Are Welcome..... ELW 641

- 1 Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

- 2 Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: *Refrain*
- 3 Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: *Refrain*
- 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: *Refrain*
- 5 Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard

and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: *Refrain*

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts,
you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Message

First Reading | Galatians 5:1, 13-25

For Paul, the freedom Christ gives is not permission to do whatever we want. It is the invitation to be what we could not be otherwise. The power and guidance of Christ's Holy Spirit produce a different kind of life; one marked by the fruit of this Holy Spirit.

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord,
"You are my Lord, my good above all other."

**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips.**

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.

**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.

**I have set the Lord always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

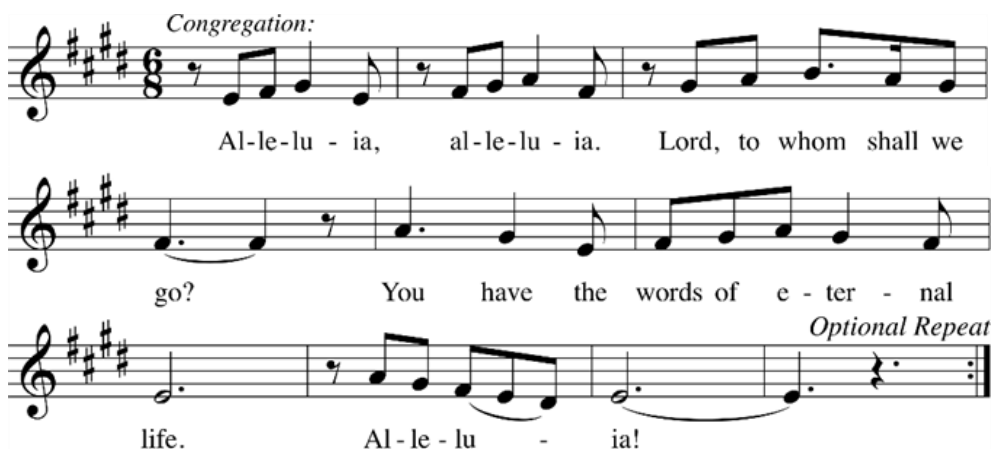
For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.

You will show me the | path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia written and setting by Marty Haugen

Congregation:



Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Optional Repeat

Gospel Reading | Luke 9:51-62

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus is unwavering in his commitment to his mission in Jerusalem and will not be swayed by pettiness. In a series of striking cases in point, he calls his disciples to a similar single-mindedness.

When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival, but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." And Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." And Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Build Us Up, Lord..... ELW 670

- 1 Build us up, Lord, build us up;
set in us a strong foundation.
Lead us to do your holy will;

form and shape your new creation.
Build us up, Lord, build us up;
as we guide and teach each other,
help us to share your love with the world:
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother.

Refrain

Growing in Christ, we plant seeds for the kingdom;
we follow in faith what's begun!
Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your word
to spread the news of your Son!

- 2 Build us up, Lord, build us up;
let our lives reflect your glory.
Cast away all our doubts and fears;
help us tell the world your story.
Build us up, Lord, build us up;
help us bear good fruit for you,
Lord, give us vision and keep us sure.
Grant us faith that's steadfast and true. *Refrain*

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Prayers of the People

Let us pray. Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

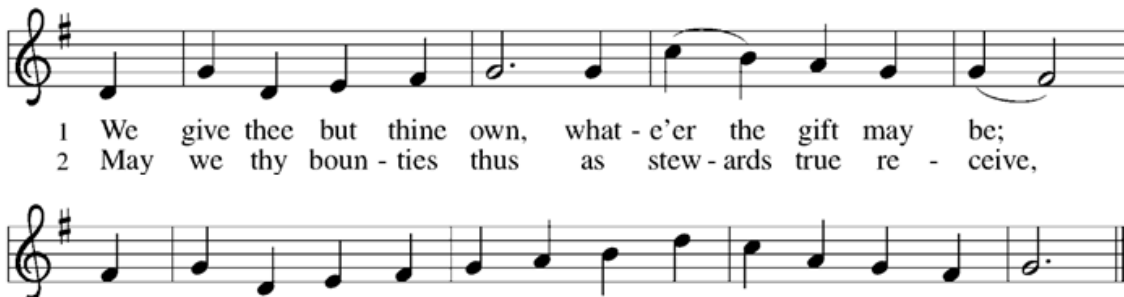
And also with you.

Call to Offering

May we honor and worship the Provider of all good and perfect gifts through our acts of generosity, our sharing of resources, and our trust in the abundance of God's creation.

Offering Hymn

We Give Thee but Thine Own..... ELW 686



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.

Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. God of grace,

you have showered us with gifts of grace and abundance. Use our gifts, support one another, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world. Accept these gifts and our prayer that, nurtured by your Word, filled with your Spirit, we may share with gladness all that you have shared with us, until all creation is satisfied. Amen.

Blessing

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit † bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

We All Are One in Mission ELW 576

- 1 We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission
compels us from above
to plan and work together
that all may know Christ's love.
- 2 We all are called for service,
to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are diff'rent;
our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others
with God's surprising grace,
so ev'ry folk and nation
may feel God's warm embrace.
- 3 Now let us be united,
and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel
for God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.

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Sending

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Fugue in C Handel

Interested in Joining Grace?

Please contact the church office office@gracewelcomesyou.org, for information about joining Grace Lutheran Church. All are welcome and we would be overjoyed to have you engaged in the worship, ministries, and congregational life at Grace.

Sparkhouse Magazines

Kid's Sparkhouse Magazines are available in the Narthex. We encourage children and families to take home a copy and enjoy the pictures and stories about ways we live as children of God.

Do You Receive the Weekly Update Email?

Every Thursday we email out the Weekly Update with current announcements, links, birthdays, anniversaries, Synod/ELCA updates, and more. If you would like to be added to our email list, please contact Annie in the church office.

Serving in Worship

Director of Outreach & Youth Minister	Pastor Kirsten Lee
Assisting Minister	Joel Lorentzen
Acolyte	NEEDED
Crucifer	NEEDED
Greeters	Cindy Lee, Kathy Shriver
Ushers	Ken Krumwiede, Rod Levsen Sr
Sound System	Chuck Lehman
Prayers	Sundays & Seasons
Altar Guild	Karen Jewel
Heart & Voice Choir Director	Sally Meier
Organist	Susan Senn
Pianist	Kathi Parrish
Worship Tech & Praise Band Leader	Vey Rodriguez
Coffee/Cookies/Snacks	Kathy Shriver, Chryss Hartman

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