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in America

Looking Ahead

- **August 22** Kids End of Summer Party!
- **August 24** Back to School Blessing
- **August 24** Opportunity Sunday
- **August 29** Hope at the Brickhouse Dinner
- **August 31** Joint Worship at 9:30am
- **Sept 1** Office Closed for Labor Day
- **Sept 7** IFF Picnic
- **Sept 7** JBS Begins
- **Sept 7** Pictures to Remember
- **Sept 9** Book Study: The Anxious Generation
- **Sept 11** Bible Study: The Story of Paul
- **Sept 14** LWR Bags due back to church
- **Sept 21** Outdoor Worship & Block Party
- **Sept 23** ImpactLife Blood Drive
- **Sept 28-30** Prs at Theological Conf

LWR School Kits, Fabric Kits, and Personal Care Kits



In the narthex there are empty school bags with a school supply list inside and lists of items needed to complete Personal Care Kits and Fabric Kits. Return the filled school bags and other kits to the church by **September 14**. Also, pick up a Thrivent T-Shirt - they're super soft and great to wear and sleep in! For more info about Lutheran World Relief kits go to [lwr.org/kits](#).



Save the Date
August 22
5:30-7:30pm

KIDS END OF SUMMER PARTY!

Hot Dogs, S'mores, Games, Bible Stories

Go to [bit.ly/GraceEOSAug22](#), scan the QR Code, or click below to register. Questions? Talk with Pr. Kirsten.





Opportunity Sunday

August 24 | Between Services

Coffee and treats will move to Pat Bell Hall where members will be offered opportunities to participate in the life of the church. Find out more about the work of property, music, finance, social ministry, and other church committees keeping Grace alive and vibrant. Ask questions. Socialize. Engage. Have a snack.



Back to School Blessing

Sunday, August 24, 2025 at both services

Students & Educators! Bring your backpacks, briefcases, laptops, and school supplies on Sunday! We will have a special prayer and blessing as you begin a new year of learning, growing, friends, & fun!

Hope at the Brickhouse

Friday, August 29 | 5:15pm Arrive | 5:30pm Serve | 6:30pm Cleanup

It's time again for our meal at The Brick House on Friday August 29. Please look for the sign up sheet in the Narthex to see where you can help. We are going to serve tacos, refried beans, fruit/vegetable, milk, and dessert. There are about 25-30 adults and children who attend the Friday dinner. Please contact Karen Jewel with any questions at [kcjewel21@gmail.com](#) or 563-639-4608.



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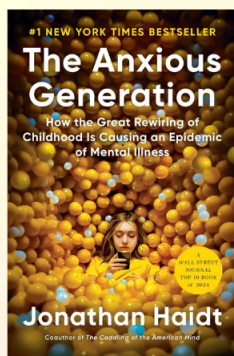
SUNDAY SEPT 7 @ NOON

Mosey on over to **Devil's Glen Park in Bettendorf (shelter house 2)** for a chuckwagon dinner! Sit around the fire pit to spin yarns, test your cowboy/cowgirl trivia know how, and activities to show your mettle. RSVP to Gloria Lange at: [langejg1@msn.com](#) or call 563-332-7170. Don't worry, you won't be riding any bulls or doing any straight shootin'. Just come and have a good time. **Hope to see ya'll there!**

FAIR TRADE REPLENISHED

We have replenished our coffee and tea supplies, available in the narthex to purchase. Payment can be made online or with cash/check (memo: Fair Trade). Leave payment in the offering plate or the office mailbox. Coffees are \$10/bag and Teas are \$4/box. Prices will be on each item and some older supplies will be marked down. Additional items can be purchased at [shop.equalexchange.coop](#).





Book Study: the Anxious Generation

Tuesdays 7pm beginning September 9 led by Pastor Kirsten

In *The Anxious Generation*, social psychologist Jonathan Haidt lays out the facts about the epidemic of teen mental illness, and investigates the nature of childhood, including why children need play and independent exploration to mature into competent, thriving adults. Whether you are actively raising children, teaching children, or just care about the topic, you are invited. We will take our time reviewing the sections and conversation will be informal and inclusive. Sign up online at bit.ly/GraceAnxGen or talk with Pastor Kirsten to let her know of your interest.



heretic, sinner, saint: the story of paul bible study

11am Thursdays beginning September 11 led by Pastor Stephanie

Have you ever been curious about the man who had two names? He wrote a bunch of letters and has one of the most redemptive stories in the New Testament. We will focus on discovering how Paul went from someone who persecuted Christians to being one of the most significant early church leaders. Email the church office or talk to Pr. Stephanie if you'd like to participate. **The book is available in the office for \$15.**

Sunday, August 10

Junior Bible Study after Children's Message

9:30am Jazz Worship Joint Worship

10:30am Coffee Hour

Monday, August 11

10:30am Staff Meeting

4:30pm Centering Prayer - Zoom

Tuesday, August 12

9:00am Quilters

10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH

1:30pm Social Ministry Meeting

2:30pm Outreach & Welcome Meeting

6:00pm CYF Meeting

7:00pm Worship & Music Mtg (tentative)

Wednesday, August 13

9:00am Quilters

12:00pm Men's Lunch Group - Vanderveer

Thursday, August 14

Friday, August 15

Saturday, August 16

8:30am Page Turners

1:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Sunday, August 17

8:30am Traditional Worship & Livestream

9:30am Coffee Hour

10:30am Contemporary Worship

Grief Support Group

Next Meetings: September 3 & 17 Grief Support Group meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month 5:30pm in Pat Bell Hall. 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: August 12 and 13 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: August 16 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). **August Book:** *Wish You Were Here* by Jodi Picoult **Host:** Sally Haugen 563-514-9335 **Location:** Valley Country Café (24487 Valley Dr, Bett)

Naomi Circle

Special! Tuesday, August 19, 11:30am Lunch at Cracker Barrel (300 Jason Way Ct, Davenport) **RSVP to Kathy Shriver at kdshriver51@gmail.com or (563) 650-1952** Naomi Circle meets the third Tuesday each month, Sept - May, 9am at church for Bible study. Contact Marilyn Schreiber marilyn.schreiber@icloud.com 563-340-0350.

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

The Men's Lunch meets at noon 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.

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

9th Sunday

After Pentecost

August 10, 2025 9:30am

Grace Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa
Pastor Stephanie Wood † Pastor Kirsten Lee



Welcome! We are so happy you have joined us!

Congregational response in bold.

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 Song

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me..... ELW 325

- 1 I want Jesus to walk with me;
 I want Jesus to walk with me;
 all along my pilgrim journey,
 Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

- 2 In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
 in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
 when my heart is almost breaking,
 Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

- 3 When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;

when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual

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.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty God, **you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Children's Message

First Reading | Genesis 15:1-6

God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to

him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading | Hebrews 11:1-3

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval.

By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God,
so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

Gospel Reading | Luke 12:32-40

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

Jesus said: "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song of the Day

You Are Holy..... ELW 525

- 1 You are holy, you are whole. You are always ever more
than we ever understand. You are always at hand.
Blessed are you coming near. Blessed are you coming here
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.
- 2 You are holy, you are wholeness,
you are present. Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!
Sing hosanna in the highest!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to our God!

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Prayers of the People

Let us pray. In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Call to Offering

We honor God by offering our gifts through service, action, compassion, and financial resources to support Grace's ongoing ministries locally and globally. Let us contribute with inspired generosity, empowered and trusting that God will meet all our needs.

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Creator God, **in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **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 Song*

This Little Light of Mine..... ELW 677

- 1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
- 2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
- 3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Sending

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

Postlude Manny Lopez Big Band



Junior Bible Study Resumes September 7! Junior Bible Study is offered for children after the children's sermon during worship at both services. We will return from our time together before communion begins. Once again, we will use The Story as our guide for our learning. We will learn the familiar Bible Stories through these books, felt board, games, and crafts. We hope your children can join us!

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

Presiding & Preaching	Pastor Stephanie Wood
Director of Outreach & Youth Minister	Pastor Kirsten Lee
Assisting Minister	Jane Rock
Communion Assistants	Jane Rock, Gloria Lange, Jane Krumwiede, One NEEDED
Communion Bread	Vicki Liebke
Acolyte	NEEDED
Greeters	Gene & Gail Carber
Ushers	Dean Rock, Mike Kirby
Sound System	Dan Haugen
Prayers	Sundays & Seasons
Altar Guild	Nancy Boehme
Heart & Voice Choir Director	Sally Meier
Organist	Susan Senn
Pianist	Kathi Parrish
Worship Tech & Praise Band Leader	Vey Rodriguez
Coffee/Cookies/Snacks	Jim & Gloria Lange, Deb Kirby

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