

# Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

## News & Notes

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### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE - September 1<sup>st</sup> - September 8<sup>th</sup>

#### Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost Sunday

**Setting:** Divine Service, Setting 3 beginning on page 184

**Hymns:** 904 655 566 550 924

**Readings:** Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 Ephesians 6:10-20 Mark 7:14-25

**Sermon:** "All Foods Clean"

**Praying for:** Allen Anderson, Charlotte Harroun, Rick Steward, Liz Niemann, Brad Birtell, and Jill Jepsen.

# Calendar

9/1/2024	"Mites" Sunday
	8:00 AM Traditional Worship w/Communion
	10:30 AM Traditional Worship w/Communion
9/2/2024	Office Closed - No Preschool
	6:00 PM Board of Discipleship
	6:30 PM Elders Meeting
9/3/2024	3s TTh Preschool Starts
	6:00 PM Preschool Board Meeting
9/4/2024	3s MWF Preschool Starts
	5:30 PM Confirmation
	6:00 PM Bell Choir Meeting
	7:00 PM Wednesday Worship @ Church
9/5/2024	9:00 AM Tops Meeting
	9:30 AM Stay Active Senior Exercise Group
9/6/2024	8:00 AM Trustees Board Meeting
9/8/2024	Fellowship Sunday
	8:00 AM Traditional Worship
	9:15 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
	10:30 AM Traditional Worship
	11:30 AM LCMSYG 2025 Meeting
	3:00 PM Rickertsen's Bible Study
	6:00 PM Council Meeting
9/10/2024	7:00 AM Finance Board Meeting
	10:00 AM Lieving's Bible Study
	6:30 PM Stamp's Bible Study
	7:00 PM Engelkes' Bible Study
9/11/2024	7:15 AM Staff Meeting
	5:30 PM Confirmation
	6:00 PM Bell Choir Meeting
	7:00 PM Glory Bound Choir
	7:00 PM High School Bible Study
9/11/2024	7:00 PM Wednesday Worship

**Gifts, Tithes & Offerings for 8/18/2024**  
To fully fund our church budget we need \$7,116.00 per week.

	<b>Amount</b>
Simply Giving	\$ 905.00
Tithes & Offering	<u>\$ 3,298.00</u>
Total	\$ 4,203.00

Weekly Shortage (\$ 2,913.00)

#### Attendance for the week of 8/18/2024

Wednesday Worship	
7:00 p.m.	22
Sunday Worship	
8:00 a.m.	60
10:00 a.m.	<u>70</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>152</b>

**Gifts, Tithes & Offerings for 8/25/2024**  
To fully fund our church budget we need \$7,116.00 per week.

	<b>Amount</b>
Simply Giving	\$ 1,245.00
Tithes & Offering	<u>\$ 5,457.00</u>
Total	\$ 6,702.00

Weekly Shortage (\$ 414.00)

#### Attendance for the week of 8/25/2024

Wednesday Worship	
7:00 p.m.	22
Sunday Worship	
8:00 a.m.	56
10:00 a.m.	<u>79</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>157</b>

### THOSE IN SERVICE

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>

##### 8:00 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke  
Elder: Leon Doescher  
Acolyte: Katie Grantz

##### 10:30 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke  
Elder: Scott Havener  
Acolyte: Gavin Krukow

#### WED., SEPTEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>

##### 7:00 p.m. Service

Organist: Tasha Becker  
Elder: Scott Steffens

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>

##### 8:00 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke  
Elder: Leon Doescher  
Acolyte: Trevor McMahon

##### 10:30 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke  
Elder: Scott Havener  
Acolyte: Hudson Meyers



Altar flowers were given in memory of Malcolm Schroeder.

The September Newsletter is available in the church narthex or online at [gracedewitt.org](http://gracedewitt.org).

## Glory Bound Choir is Back!

If you've been wanting to....if you've been thinking about it...NOW is the time to give it a try! Our first rehearsal will be in the church basement on Wednesday, September 11th, at 7:00 p.m.

### **Bell Choir Is Starting!**

The Bell Choir will be having 2 meetings this fall to determine interest. We will be meeting at 6:00 PM on September 4th and September 11th in the Choir loft to talk about when we will be able to rehearse and what Sundays we will be available to play for the congregation. These meetings will help us determine a rehearsal schedule and when we will play. If you can't make either of the 2 meetings, just call, text, or email me to let me know you are interested or if you have any questions about joining Bell Choir! I'm looking forward to a great season!

Laura Swanson  
563-212-8814

**Concordia Students from Chicago** will be visiting us September 13-15. We are happy to have these future church workers visiting us again. EVERY ONE of all ages is invited to come out and help serve meals on Saturday. Grace Camp will provide a pancake breakfast complete with sausage egg casserole on Saturday morning around 8 am. Come out and enjoy pancakes with them! Lunch will be sandwiches, chips, carrots (with ranch of course), 'Sweet Grace', along with cookies and ice cream. Come out in the afternoon to work alongside the students as they do projects around the camp!! For supper we need the **congregation's help** to feed the students along with interacting with them!!! Grace Camp will grill burgers and also provide hot dogs and baked beans. We are asking for individuals/families to bring out potato salad, coleslaw or pasta salad, cakes, cupcakes, cobblers and/or crisps to serve at least 15. Just imaging it as a family reunion or pot luck!!! For Sunday, we like to provide them with muffins, cinnamon rolls and/or donuts for them to grab before church! Sign-up sheets to help feed these students are available in the foyer. Please bring the snack/juice/milk items to the church kitchen by NOON on September 12. Bring the salads and desserts for Saturday night to camp around 5 pm and plan to stay to enjoy!!! The items for Sunday can be brought out to camp on Saturday. Thank you !!!

## **FORGIVING** CHALLENGE



**FORGIVING Challenge**...Get ready to start our next congregation-wide Bible study! Starting in September (9/8), we will follow up on the Being Challenge and dig into the Forgiving trait. We will study Five Phases of Freedom and Forgiveness (SCARS – **S**in, **C**onfession, **A**bsolution, **R**estoration and **S**anctification). The over-arching challenge in this study will be to help you receive God's forgiveness, allowing you to be free. To receive total freedom, you must first know that God Himself has truly forgiven you. Pick up your book, sign up with your availability for a small group and get ready to join the challenge!

**Join a FORGIVING Challenge Small Group!** The below small groups are ready to begin the challenge and want you to join them. More small groups can be formed based on enrollment and availability. Complete an enrollment form today and you will be placed into a small group that meets your availability.

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Host(s)</b>	<b>Location</b>
Sunday @ 3:00pm	Lucas and Nicole Rickertsen	TBD
Tuesday @ 10:00am	Paul and Kathi Lieving	Grace Church
Tuesday @ 6:30pm	Tyler Stamp	Clinton
Tuesday @ 7:00pm	Barry and Kristy Engelkes	Grace Church
Thursday @ 6:30pm	Steve & Traci Butler	Butler's Home— DeWitt
Friday @ 9:30am	Scott and Kim Steffen	Grace Church

### **High School Youth Bible Study**

Wednesday @ 7:00pm      Mark and Cindy Sperry      Sperry's Home - DeWitt

**Donations to offset the cost of Forgiving Challenge books can be place in the Little White Church.**