

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

News & Notes

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE – July 12th–July 19th

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

Hymns: 655 686 921

Readings: *Isaiah 55:10-13 Romans 8:12-17 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

Sermon: “A Wonderful Peace” – Isaiah 55:10-11

Praying For: Allen Anderson, Brad Birtell, Dick Block, David Edens, Scott McBride, Betsy Henningsen, Mary Krapf, Matthew Soenksen, John Gisel, and Jill Gisel.

CALENDAR

7/12/2026		Hall Rental
		RaiseRight Orders Due
	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship
	10:00 AM	Praise Worship @ Grace Camp
7/13/2026	6:00 PM	Council Meeting
7/15/2026		Newsletter Deadline
	7:00 AM	Board of Finance Meeting
7/16/2026	9:00 AM	Tops Meeting
	9:30 AM	Stay Active Senior Exercise Group
	4:00 PM	Victory Center Service Event
7/19/2026		Hall Rental
	8:00 AM	Pancake Breakfast
	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship w/Communion
	10:00 AM	Praise Worship w/Communion@ Grace Camp

We're preparing for the next Victory Center meal on July 16th — and we need your help!

The next Victory Center meal will be held on July 16th. We are still seeking one volunteer to provide a main dish and one volunteer to provide a dessert. If you're able to contribute, you can sign up at the Welcome Center or by calling the church office. This is a great opportunity to support our community, meet others, and make a direct impact on those in need.

Gifts, Tithes & Offerings for 7/5/2026. To fully fund the church budget, we need \$7,929.00 per week.

Weekly Offering \$ 7,663.00

Weekly Shortage \$ 266.00

Attendance for the week of 7/5/2026

Sunday Worship

8:00 am	68
10:30 am	64
Total	132

Sunday, July 12th

8:00 a.m. Service

Pastor Merle Warnsholz

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Clint Albrecht

Acolyte: Jaren Nebel

10:00 a.m. Service @ Camp

Pastor Merle Warnsholz

Music: Praise Band

Elder: Aaron Meyers & Lucas Rickertsen

Sunday, July 19th

8:00 a.m. Service

Pastor Merle Warnsholz

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Clint Albrecht

Acolyte: Kennick Meyer

10:00 a.m. Service @ Camp

Pastor Merle Warnsholz

Music: Praise Band

Elder: Aaron Meyers & Lucas Rickertsen



Altar flowers were in honor of Debra Swanson by Abbey & Laura Swanson.

RaiseRight™ GIFT CARD PROGRAM



Youth Fundraiser Order Due - July 12th

Order Forms can be left in the blue mailbox located on the Welcome Center at church or the information table at the Outdoor Chapel.

FREE WILL OFFERING

Grace Lutheran Camp

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

at Grace Camp Pavilion

Join Us!

Sunday, July 19th
Serving from 8 to 11:30

PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS NEW APPLIANCES FOR THE RETREAT CENTERS.

Grace Camp, 2675 242nd St, De Witt, IA 52742

Summer Camp Volunteers Needed!

Summer Camp is just around the corner, and we're busy making the final preparations for another wonderful week! We need your help to make camp a fun, safe, and faith-filled experience for all of our campers.

Kitchen Help Needed

Volunteers are needed to assist with food preparation for breakfast, lunch, and dinner throughout camp. If you are available to help in the kitchen, contact Mary Garlough or the church office.

Meal Servers Needed

If you're unable to help with food preparation but would still like to volunteer, we can always use extra hands serving meals. Meal servers are asked to arrive at the camp pavilion 15 minutes before each meal.

Serving Times

- **Monday & Tuesday Lunch:** Noon (arrive by 11:45 a.m.)
- **Monday & Tuesday Dinner:** 5:30 p.m. (arrive by 5:15 p.m.)

Registration Volunteers Needed

We are also looking for volunteers to help with camper registration on Monday, July 27. Registration begins at 10:00 a.m., and volunteers should arrive at the camp pavilion by 9:30 a.m. If you can help with registration, contact Kerry at the church office.

Food Donations Still Needed

If you're unable to volunteer your time, you can still make a big difference! We still have many items on our food donation sign-up sheets that need to be filled. Please stop by the sign-up table in the church foyer or at the Outdoor Worship area to sign up or contact the church office.

Cookie Donations Welcome!

We serve cookies for the evening snack every night of camp, so we need lots of them! Homemade or store-bought cookies are both appreciated. **Please, no cookies containing nuts or peanut butter to help keep our campers safe.**

Thank you for sharing your time, talents, and generosity. Your willingness to serve helps make Summer Camp a memorable, safe, and faith-filled experience for every camper. We couldn't do it without our amazing volunteers!

Confirmation Classes

Grace offers a three-year program for students in 6th, 7th & 8th grades. If you have a student in one of these grades, please contact the church office to let us know they will be attending classes beginning this September. Orientation will be held on Wednesday, August 19th @ 5:30 pm here at church. A letter with more information will be sent out in early August.

Looking for cards? A variety of cards and napkins are available for purchase next to the Welcome Center. Please take a moment to see the wide assortment of cards displayed in the foyer.

Introduction to the Bible

If you have a student who is entering 3rd grade this fall, please stop by the office to pick up your Introduction to the Bible packet. Bibles will be presented to the children during either worship service on Sunday, September 13th. Please contact Mark Sperry with any questions.

Referral Center Donations

We will continue to collect monthly donations for the Referral Center as the need is great. The Referral Center can always use kid-friendly cereal, condiments, canned tuna, peanut butter, jelly, cake mixes, frosting, toilet paper, and so much more. All donations can be left in the shopping cart located in the foyer.