

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

News & Notes

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE - September 30th - October 7th

The Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Setting: Divine Service, Setting 4, page 203

Hymns: 553 506 588 611 609 606 658 750

Scripture: *Romans 12:1-8*
1 Peter 4:8-11
John 17:14-24

Sermon: "Good Stewardship Means Everyone is Blessed"

THOSE IN SERVICE - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH

8:00 a.m. Service	10:30 a.m. Service
Organist: Diana Baetke	Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Jim Harroun	Elder: Clint Albrecht
Acolyte: Anthony Meyer	Acolyte: Carleigh Tobey
A/V: Vicki Becker	A/V: Vicki Becker

CALENDAR

9/30/2018	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship/Communion
	9:15 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship/Communion
	3:00 PM	Clinton Circuit Meeting
10/1/2018	1:00 PM	500 Card Club
	6:00 PM	Council Meeting
10/3/2018		No PM 4's Preschool
	5:30 PM	Confirmation Classes
	9:00 AM	Sewing Ladies
	6:00 PM	Bell Choir
	7:00 PM	Glory Bound Choir
	7:45 PM	Cantata Rehearsal
10/4/2018	9:00 AM	Tops Meeting
	5:00 PM	Weight Watchers Meeting
10/6/2018		Hall Rental
10/7/2018		LWML Sunday/"MITES" Collection
	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship/Communion
	9:15 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship/Communion

Our Gifts, Tithes & Offerings for 9/23/2018

	Amount
Tithes and Offering	\$ 5,565.50
Capital Improvements	20.00
Preschool	40.00
Sunday School Offering	71.00
Glory Bound Choir	10.00
Youth Group	20.00
October Feast	<u>60.00</u>
Total	\$ 5,786.50

Grace Camp \$110.00

Attendance for week of 9/23/2018

In Worship		In Study	
Sunday Service		High School	7
8:00 a.m.	145	Sunday School	68
10:30 a.m.	<u>85</u>	Adult Bible Study	32
Total	230	Staff	<u>15</u>
		Total	122

COMMUNION POLICY — If you are a member of a Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod Congregation, you are welcome to partake of Communion when offered. If time permits, please identify yourself to the Pastor prior to worship. Those who are members of other denominations are encouraged to use this time of Communion as an opportunity for personal prayer and praise. If you have any questions or concerns about this practice, please ask the Pastor for additional information that will explain the Scriptural foundation for this policy.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA! - Rehearsals start Wednesday, October 3rd at 7:45 pm in the balcony! Come join us!

October Feast donations are being collected through the month of September. They can be left in the "Little White Church" located in the foyer.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

415 10th St, DeWitt, IA - (563-659-9153)



Sunday, October 14th
Serving 3:30-7 PM

OctoberFeast tickets are available for purchase today to before and after services.

If you would like to have OctoberFeast tickets to sell, please see Traci Butler.

We are collecting **donations** for OctoberFeast expenses. If you would like to support this out-reach opportunity, please leave your gift in the "Little White Church" located in the foyer.

Pies are needed for OctoberFeast. If you can provide pies, please see the sign up sheet located in the foyer.

Sewing ladies will meet on Wednesday, October 3rd at 9:00 am in Grace Hall. Everyone is invited to help sew and put together quilts. We will have a potluck lunch, so please bring an item to share.

Dear Church family, as the Finance Board assesses the financial situation of the Church, we have felt led to make it known that the numbers are not where they should be, in order to meet budget. Our income has substantially dropped. We feel like it is important for you to be aware and we are asking for your prayers for the financial health of our Congregation. We want our giving to be coming from the heart. Please take a moment to consider what you can do to help strengthen our numbers. All things are possible through Christ! We do not want to alarm anyone, but instead, simply inform and encourage. Please take a moment to pray for the financial health of our great Church.

Philippians 4:19: And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

2018 Capital Improvements

The following are capital improvements that Grace needs to complete in the near future, and we are asking for donations to help fund the cost of these improvements. We have had donations already for some of the projects, and we are sincerely thankful for everyone who has graciously donated already and who will be donating in the future. If you would like to make a general donation for these projects, please put donations in the Sunday offering plate and label your offering envelope for "Capital Improvements" or you may drop them off in the Church office. If you would like to donate to a specific project, please label the envelope also with the project name and place it in the Sunday plate or drop it off at the Church office. If you have any questions, please see Melissa Riedesel in the business office or Randy Lange, Board of Trustees.

	Project	Estimated Cost	Comments
1	Replace Flooring in Lower Level of Preschool/Sunday School Wing	\$ 25,100.00	The 54 year old deteriorating epoxy floor coating has been cracking/peeling making the floor hazardous for occupants. Propose covering the floor with a heavy-duty vinyl laminate plank flooring and replacing the carpeted steps with a long-lasting, slip-resistant, rubber treads.
2	Replace two overhead projectors in Sanctuary and install one projector in Grace Hall	\$ 7,000.00	One of the two projectors in the Sanctuary is beginning to go out. Grace Fellowship Hall is also in need of a projector for presentations and educational events. Plans include replacing both of the Sanctuary projectors and relocating the one good Sanctuary projector to Grace Hall.

MITES FOR MISSIONS – On Your Mark, Get Ready, Save! We will be collecting mites on LWML Sunday, October 7th. Please join us in making a joyful noise to the Lord. Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite, the Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" — offerings above and beyond the support given to the congregation and the Synod. Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national mission grants. In fact, the LWML has collected over **\$100 million dollars** since 1942. Yes ... these coins have and will continue to make a difference. Thank you for contributing to the Mite Box and providing the opportunity for us to spread the Gospel to the world.

LWML Mite Boxes – What Does This Mean?

Over the years, many Lutheran Women in Mission have used the Mite Box to gather funds in support of national, district, and local ministries. Women all over raise funds through voluntary offerings. Instead of "Mite Boxes" some societies called their ingathering devices "blessing boxes" or "mission boxes" or "thank offering boxes." We need to keep our Mite Boxes out in the open so we are reminded every day to give thanks for all His blessings.

Put your offering in the box at the end of each day.

Say "thank you" with an appropriate amount whenever calamity or misfortune has been averted.

Empty all your loose change from your kitchen coin bowl into the box weekly.

Put a dollar in the Mite Box for every pair of shoes you own.

Never pay for items you buy with change but with bills and then empty your coins that have gathered in your wallet each day into your Mite Box.

Place a dollar in thanksgiving for every family member into the Mite Box.

Throughout the decades, Lutheran women have stepped out in faith, setting goals and trusting God to move the hearts of His people to give generously to LWML to proclaim the Gospel.

Times and Mite Boxes Change

Mite Boxes have changed in color and design over the years, but what has never changed is the dedication of freely given offerings for the purpose of reaching out to others with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Districts still retain 75% of mite offerings for the work of the LWML at that level. Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite, the Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" — *offerings* above and beyond the support given to the congregation and the Synod. Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national mission grants. In fact, the LWML has collected over **\$100 million dollars** since 1942. Yes ... these coins have and will continue to make a difference. Thank you for contributing to the Mite Box and providing the opportunity for us to spread the Gospel to the world.

Let's Reach Our Goal!

LWML delegates to the 37th Biennial Convention adopted a \$2.075 million dollar mission goal to fund 22 mission grants for the 2017-2019 biennium. As of July 31, 2018, \$1,236,891.36 has been received, which leaves a total of mites needed as \$838,108.64. Let's reach our goal! We are the Lutheran Women in Mission! With the help of God, let us fulfill our promise to fund our national, district, and local missions.

PRIDE of the WAPSI EVENT

Attention all Jr. & Sr. High students. Make plans now to join us **October 21st** for an afternoon of fun and adventure at the Pride of the Wapsi Corn Maze & Pumpkin Patch. Please meet at church at 1:30 pm that afternoon. We will carpool there and when finished return to Grace Camp for a hotdog roast and s'mores. Please sign-up on the bulletin board outside of Mr. Sperry's office. Deadline to sign-up is **Wednesday, October 17th**. **Cost is \$12 per person.**

FAMILY MINISTRY EVENT

Join us Friday, October 26th for a Soup & Chili Cook-Off & Family Game Night. Taste testing will begin at 6:00 pm followed by the Game Night at 7:00 pm. There will be prizes for each category [soup or chili as well as best overall.]



Grace Lutheran Preschool is collecting Milk Moola Caps from Kwik-Star milk jugs and juice containers. Milk caps can be left in the container located on the Welcome Center. Thank you for your continued support of Grace Lutheran Preschool.

DeWitt Community Hospital Auxiliary Fall Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, October 10th, 11:00 am—1:00 pm in St. Joe's Harness Hall. Menu includes pulled chicken sandwich, salads, pumpkin bar or brownie, coffee or water. Tickets are \$7. Proceeds will be used for the new 3D Mammography unit at GMC-DeWitt.

Referral Center collection is continuing through the month of October.

POP CAN TABS—Did you know you can save your beverage cans and donate them to the Youth Group here at Grace? But what about the tabs on the top of the can? We collect those also. The tabs are donated to Camp Courageous. So the next time you finish that refreshment, 'pop' off the tab, save and bring to church. Contact Maribeth Penningroth with any questions.

Voter's Meeting Monday, October 8, 2018 7:00 p.m.

Agenda: 2019 Budget
Election of Officers

BOARD & COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED - It is that time of year again when the Nominating Committee begins to make contact with congregation members to fill vacancies on the boards for 2019. But due to lack of volunteers, we currently do not have a Nominating Committee. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to serve on a Board or Committee. The church runs better and serves our members and community better when Boards and Committees have the required number of members.

Following is a list of Boards and Committees that will need members for 2019:

Board of Elders	7 Vacancies
Board of Finance	2 Vacancies
Board of Trustees	1 Vacancy
Board of Discipleship	2 Vacancies
Endowment Committee	1 Vacancies
Board of Education	1 Vacancy
Nominating Committee	6 Vacancies
Council Secretary	1 Vacancy
President Elect	1 Vacancy

If you have any questions regarding these vacancies or you would like your name added to the 2019 ballot, please call the church office.

POP CANS — Thank you for your continued donations of pop cans. Please remember to drop your clean pop can donations off in the Sunday school wing. We ask that you put the cans or bottles in the marked boxes provided, as this will eliminate clutter and keep our Sunday school wing looking nice. Thank you for all your support.

Looking for cards? There is a variety of sympathy, thinking of you, get well, birthday cards and many others available for purchase downstairs next to Grace Hall. Please take a moment to see the wide assortment of cards and napkins displayed.