

# Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

## News & Notes

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Office Hours M-Th 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m., Friday 8:00 a.m.- Noon

### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE - September 23<sup>rd</sup> - September 30<sup>th</sup>

#### The Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost

**Setting:** Divine Service, Setting 4, page 203

**Hymns:** 851 575 702 556

**Glory Bound Choir directed by Julie Matzen**  
 "Potter's Hand"

**Scripture:** *Ephesians 4:17-24*  
*Romans 7:21-25*  
*Luke 18:9-14*

**Sermon:** "God's Stewards: Saints and Sinners"

#### THOSE IN SERVICE - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>

**8:00 a.m. Service**  
 Organist: Diana Baetke  
 Elder: Jim Harroun  
 Acolyte: Margie Alger  
 A/V: Rich Matzen

**10:30 a.m. Service**  
 Music: Praise Band  
 Elder: Clint Albrecht  
 Acolyte: Isaac DeHaven  
 A/V: Rich Matzen

## CALENDAR

- 9/23/2018 8:00 AM Traditional Worship
- 9:15 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
- 10:30 AM Traditional Worship
- 1:00 PM Jr. & Sr. High Youth Activity
- 9/24/2018 6:30 PM Board of Christian Education
- 9/26/2018 5:30 PM Confirmation Classes
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir
- 7:00 PM Glory Bound Choir
- 9/27/2018 9:00 AM Tops Meeting
- 5:00 PM Weight Watchers Meeting
- 6:30 PM Family Promise Board Meeting
- 9/29/2018 Hall Rental - Baby Shower
- 9/30/2018 8:00 AM Traditional Worship/Communion
- 9:15 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
- 10:30 AM Traditional Worship/Communion
- 1:00 PM Human Foosball Tournament
- 3:00 PM Clinton Circuit Meeting

#### Our Gifts, Tithes & Offerings for 9/16/2016

	Amount
Tithes and Offering	\$ 3,947.00
Capital Improvements	750.00
Preschool	175.00
Sunday School Offering	60.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,932.00</b>

#### Grace Camp \$80.00

#### Attendance for week of 9/16/2018

In Worship		In Study	
Sunday Service		High School	4
8:00 a.m.	141	Sunday School	64
10:30 a.m.	78	Adult Bible Study	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>219</b>	Staff	16
		<b>Total</b>	<b>108</b>

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.*

#### CHRISTMAS CANTATA! -

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

**OctoberFeast** 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.

## Human Foosball Tournament



**Sunday, September 30th**  
**1:00 PM @ Grace Camp**

**Seven Players per team**

**\$70 Registration Fee**

**First Place Team wins \$105**

**Limited to 10 teams**

**Food and drink**

**will be available to purchase**



Please register at Grace Lutheran  
415 10th Street 659-9153



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**Registration Deadline: September 26th at 6:30 PM**

Proceed will go toward the 2019 National Youth Gathering.

## 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.