

# Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

## News & Notes

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### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE - October 14<sup>th</sup> - October 21<sup>st</sup>

#### The Twenty-First Sunday of Pentecost

**Setting:** Divine Service, Setting 1, page 151

**Hymns:** 813 694 516

**Glory Bound Choir directed by Julie Matzen**  
 "Get All Excited" and "When the Clouds Roll Back"

**Scripture:** *Deuteronomy 77-11*  
*1 John 3:16-18*  
*John 15:5-6;9-16*

**Sermon:** "God's Steward's: Loved and Loving"

#### THOSE IN SERVICE - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

<b>8:00 a.m. Service</b>	<b>10:30 a.m. Service</b>
Organist: Diana Baetke	Music: Praise Band
Elder: Clint Albrecht	Elder: Scott Havener
Acolyte: Elyce Burzlaff	Acolyte: Hannah Grantz & Matthew Diercks
A/V: Steve Bulter	A/V: Steve Butler

## CALENDAR

- 10/14/2018 8:00 AM Traditional Worship
- 9:15 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
- 10:30 AM Praise Worship
- 3:30 PM Octoberfeast
- 10/15/2018 Newsletter Deadline
- 1:00 PM 500 Card Club
- 10/16/2018 3:30 PM LWR Packing in Grace Hall
- 3:30 PM West Wing Communion
- 6:30 PM Camp Board Meeting
- 10/17/2018 Preschool - No 4s Class
- 5:30 PM Confirmation Classes
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir
- 7:00 PM Glory Bound Choir
- 7:45 PM Cantata Rehearsal
- 10/18/2018 9:00 AM Tops Meeting
- 5:00 PM Weight Watchers Meeting
- 10/19/2018 No Preschool
- 10/21/2018 8:00 AM Traditional Worship/Communion
- 9:15 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
- 10:30 AM Traditional Worship/Communion
- 1:30 PM Pride of the Wapsi Pumpkin Patch

#### Our Gifts, Tithes & Offerings for 10/7/2018

	Amount
Tithes and Offering	\$ 5,499.00
Capital Improvements	110.00
Preschool	75.00
Sunday School Offering	60.13
MITES Offering	293.33
GYM Building	<u>100.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,137.46</b>

#### Attendance for week of 10/7/2018

In Worship		In Study	
Sunday Service		High School	6
8:00 a.m.	108	Sunday School	66
10:30 a.m.	<u>75</u>	Adult Bible Study	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>183</b>	Staff	<u>16</u>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>118</b>

#### REFERRAL CENTER MONTH

Do you have extra Hamburger Helper, boxed potatoes, canned fruits & vegetables, paper products or toiletries that you would like to donate to the Referral Center? September is Referral Center Month at Grace. Please bring your donations for the Referral Center to the display through the month of October.



Altar flowers were given in honor of Mary Garlough's 60th birthday and in loving memory of all her friends and family with October birthday's.

We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of Dick Polansky, whom the Lord called to Himself this past week.

## **BREAKING NEWS!**

**Please read this note in its entirety as initially it does sound earth shattering, but it really isn't!** At the Voter's meeting on October 8th, I was asked if I would consider changing my designation from Senior Pastor to Associate or Assistant Pastor. After some discussion, I wholeheartedly agreed that this would be beneficial to the good of the congregation. WHY? Please let me explain, as we all know my time with you as your Senior Pastor is limited because of the transplant situation, or because of a Call, or because of retirement. With me agreeing to step into the role of assistant pastor, then Grace Lutheran Church could immediately start the process of calling another Pastor. Prayerfully this will be a time saving effort to get names together for the pastoral office and there will not be that 6 to 18-month gap between my final service and the installation of your new pastor. District President Saunders has been informed of this decision by the voter's assembly and Steve Butler has been in contact with our DP to once more get the proper protocol in place.... So, what can you do? If you think of a pastor that may fit in well here at Grace and that they might consider receiving a call. please give their name to Steve Butler, Jon Betz or Scott Steffens. There is no need to be alarmed or to start panicking, everything is fine and with the incredible guidance of the HOLY SPIRIT and your prayers this will be a seamless transition. Pray for your congregation and please pray for Carol and I as this transplant situation and time comes closer and closer!

Serving Christ Jesus and HIS CHURCH,  
Pastor Rafferty

## **PRIDE of the WAPSI EVENT**

Attention all Jr. & Sr. High students. Make plans now to join us **October 21<sup>st</sup>** 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 17<sup>th</sup>**. **Cost is \$10 per person.**

### **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**Sunday, October 14th**

**Serving 3:30-7 PM**

**Chili &  
Soup  
Cook Off!**



**October 26th  
6:00 pm  
Grace Hall**

Invite your family and friends to join you for an evening of fun. We will begin the night off with the Chili & Soup Cook Off, taste testing begins at 6:00 pm followed by the Game Night at 7:00 pm.

We encourage everyone to bring their favorite board game, card game to share. You will be able to play your old favorites and may even learn a new game like, "Arizona Spaghetti."

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| Please join the LWML Ladies, on Tuesday, October 16th at 3:30 p.m. They are gathering together |  
| to pack the donations that were received during the Lutheran World Relief collection drive. Every- |  
one is welcome to volunteer if you have the time, please join them in Grace Hall on Tuesday.