

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

News & Notes

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE – July 26th - August 2nd

Nineth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Hymns: Readings: *Isaiah 44:6-8 Romans 8:18-27 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43*

Sermon:

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

CALENDAR

7/26/2026	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship
	10:00 AM	Praise Worship @ Grace Camp
	5:00 PM	Summer Camp - Counselor Training
7/27/2026		Office Closed
	10:00 AM	Summer Camp Registration
7/28/2026	9:00 AM	Office Opens
		SUMMER CAMP
7/29/2026		SUMMER CAMP
	8:00 AM	Office open until 10:00 AM
	12:00 PM	Office open until 3:00 PM
7/30/2026	9:00 AM	Tops Meeting
	9:30 AM	Stay Active Senior Exercise Group
8/2/2026		"Mites" Sunday
	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship w/Communion
	10:00 AM	Praise Worship w/Communion@ Grace Camp
	4:00 PM	High School Youth Group

Office Hours – July 27–29

Please note that our office hours will be adjusted during Summer Camp.

Monday, July 27: Office Closed

Tuesday, July 28: Office Open 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 29: Office Open 8:00–10:00 a.m. and
12:00–3:00 p.m.

Thank you for being so understanding as we support our Summer Camp ministry.

Join us for a great cause! We'll be packing bags for the Summer Lunch Box Program on Wednesday, July 29 at 3:00 PM in the United Methodist Church Social Hall. Come by, roll up your sleeves, and help make a difference for local kids this summer!

Gifts, Tithes & Offerings for 7/19/2026. To fully fund the church budget, we need \$7,929.00 per week.

Weekly Offering \$ 6,313.00

Weekly Shortage \$ 1,616.00

Attendance for the week of 7/19/2026

Sunday Worship

8:00 am 74

10:30 am 77

Total 151

Sunday, July 26th

8:00 a.m. Service

Pastor Merle Warnsholz

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Clint Albrecht

Acolyte: Adelynn Williams

10:00 a.m. Service @ Camp

Pastor Merle Warnsholz

Music: Praise Band

Elder: Aaron Meyers & Lucas Rickertsen

Sunday, August 2nd

8:00 a.m. Service

Pastor Merle Warnsholz

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Duane Hansen

Acolyte: Carter Paarmann

10:00 a.m. Service @ Camp

Pastor Merle Warnsholz

Music: Praise Band

Elder: Scott Steffens



Altar flowers were given by the Greve Family.

LWML Mite Collection

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) will be collecting Mites on Sunday, August 2nd. These offerings help support LCMS mission projects locally and around the world. If you would like to participate, you may place your donation in the Mite Box located in the Narthex or leave a clearly marked donation in the offering plate. Thank you for your faithful support of LWML and the mission work of the LCMS — together, we are sharing Christ's love in action!

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
AUGUST 2026

Mission SPOTLIGHT

VICTORY CENTER



What is the mission?

The mission of the Victory Center is to provide housing, restorative support, and career pathways that help individuals and families thrive through life's greatest hardships. Their approach unites the proven Housing First model with wraparound recovery, wellness, and career reintegration services—delivering not just shelter, but a full pathway to lasting independence.

Who does it serve?

The Victory Center provides emergency shelter and essential life skills coaching and training for homeless individuals and families in the Clinton area to ensure everyone has a place to rest and regain their footing. They offer case management services to connect individuals and families with resources for housing, employment and physical and mental health support. Additionally, nutritious meals are served daily to residents and others in need in the Clinton area.

How can you help?

Throughout the year, volunteers are needed to prepare and serve monthly meals for the men's shelter and surrounding community in Clinton. Additionally, during the month of August, we are collecting hygiene items for the men's shelter, paper products and supplies for the Victory Center's daily meal service and financial donations to support the Victory Center programs. Hygiene and paper product donations can be placed in the tote in the church foyer. Monetary donations can be placed in the wooden church box located in the church foyer.

Looking Ahead to Sunday School

As we prepare for the upcoming Sunday School year, we're excited to share two meaningful opportunities to serve:

Sunday School Superintendent - We're looking for a compassionate and well-organized individual to help lead, coordinate, and support our Sunday School ministry. This role plays a key part in ensuring our program runs smoothly and continues to nurture the faith and growth of our children.

A/V Volunteer - Runs sound and visuals during Sunday School openings.

If you feel called to serve in either of these roles, or would like to learn more, please reach out to Mark Sperry at msperry@gracedewitt.org or 563-659-9153. Your gifts and talents can make a big difference in the lives of our children!

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. Contact Mark Sperry with any questions.

Victory Center Meal – Thursday, August 20

Our next Victory Center meal will be served on Thursday, August 20, and we need your help!

We are looking for donations of pasta dishes, side dishes, and desserts, as well as volunteers to serve and deliver the meal.

If you can help, please sign up on the donation sheet located at the Welcome Center. Thank you for sharing your time and talents as we serve our community!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Hey friends! Our next monthly meet-up is **Sunday, August 2nd** from **4–7 PM** at the **GYM Building at Grace Camp**. We've got a fun evening planned: **Mini Golf at The Derby; Walking Tacos for Dinner; and Devotion with Pastor Merle**. Great time to hang out, laugh, and connect! Bring a friend (or two!) — everyone's welcome. We can't wait to see you there!

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Attention all incoming 3rd, 4th & 5th graders. Please join us **Sunday, August 16th** from 2 pm – 3:30 pm for our End of Summer Party. We will meet at the G*Y*M Building at Grace Camp. Please R.S.V.P. to msperry@gracedewitt.org if your child is planning to attend.

Middle School

Attention all incoming 6th-8th graders. Make plans now to join us on **Sunday, August 16th** from 4 pm – 5:30 pm for our annual End of Summer Event. There will be food, fun & games. We hope to see you there as we say goodbye to Summer and welcome a new school year. To make sure we have enough food, please RSVP to Mr. Sperry at msperry@gracedewitt.org by August 12th.

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.