

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

News & Notes

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE - October 19th— October 26th

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Setting: Divine Service, Setting 4 beginning on page 203

Hymns: 578 73 619 575 924

Readings: Genesis 32:22-30 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Luke 18:1-8

Sermon: "Wrestling with God" - Genesis 32:30

Praying for: Allen Anderson, Brad Birtell, Jill Jepsen, Dick Block, Elaine Schoening, David Edens, and David & Jeremy Thomas, and Brayden Lawrence.

Calendar

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| 10/19/2025 | 8:00 AM | Traditional Worship w/Communion |
| | 9:15 AM | Sunday School & Adult Bible Class |
| | 10:30 AM | Traditional Worship w/Communion |
| 10/19/2025 | 3:00 PM | Youth Event @ Grace Camp |
| 10/20/2025 | 1:00 PM | 500 Card Club |
| | 7:00 PM | Youth Board Meeting |
| 10/21/2025 | 6:30 PM | Camp Board Meeting |
| 10/22/2025 | 5:30 PM | Confirmation |
| | 6:30 PM | Grace Choir |
| | 7:00 PM | Cantata Rehearsal |
| | 7:00 PM | High School Bible Study |
| 10/23/2025 | 7:00 AM | Preschool - Donuts with Dad |
| | 9:00 AM | Tops Meeting |
| | 9:30 AM | Stay Active Senior Exercise Group |
| 10/24/2025 | | Office Closed |
| 10/26/2025 | 8:00 AM | Traditional Worship |
| | 9:15 AM | Sunday School & Adult Bible Class |
| | 10:30 AM | Traditional Worship |
| | 2:00 PM | Decorate Your Trunk at Camp |
| | 3:00 PM | Trunk or Treat |

Gifts, Tithes & Offerings for 10/12/2025
To fully fund our church budget we need
\$7,481.00 per week.

	Amount
Simply Giving	\$ 1,381.00
Tithes & Offering	\$ 3,901.00
Total	\$ 5,282.00

Weekly Shortage \$2,199.00

Attendance for the week of 10/12/2025

Sunday Worship

8:00 a.m.	83
10:30 a.m.	49
Total	132

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19th

8:00 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Paul Kirby

Acolyte: Jaren Nebel &
Dennis Wold

10:30 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Scott Havener

Acolyte: Kennick Meyer

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26th

8:00 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Paul Kirby

Acolyte: Cade Converse

10:30 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Scott Havener

Acolyte: Carter Paarmann

At the Voters Meeting the congregation voted to make an offer on the vacant lot next door. We have a signed purchase agreement and are working on the next steps.

TRUNK OR TREAT

7 More Trunks Needed

We will be hosting our annual Trunk or Treat event at Grace Camp on Sunday, October 26th from 3-5 pm. We are looking for **25 volunteers to host a trunk** (we have 18). You will need to show up at Camp no later than 2 pm, decorate your trunk, and provide candy for at least 200 children. There is a sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Women
Wine
and the
Word



Thursday October 23rd
6:30pm
The Varsity Tap
Upstairs Lounge

Join us for an evening
of fellowship with
other women!



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Grace Lutheran Church is participating in Operation Christmas Child once again. Pick up your shoebox and "sign-up your selection for girl/boy on the bulletin board in the church foyer. Our goal is to fill 100 shoeboxes so let's start out strong! We missed our goal last year so let's see if we can get there this year! Complete information for what to include in the shoebox can be found on the bulletin board.

In addition to filling shoeboxes, we will be taking monetary donations to cover the shoebox mailing and the Gospel lessons included in the boxes. Our goal is to collect \$1600. Please place all monetary donations in the 'Little White Church' in the foyer. Let's see how God uses our congregation to spread His love and Gospel to others!



This year, we have the ability to **Build a Shoebox online** for those who are not able to get to the store or just don't have the time. With a \$30 online donation, you can pick out items to build a shoebox, which will be sent to a child and give them the opportunity to hear the Gospel. To get started, visit the Grace Lutheran Church goal page on the Operation Christmas Child website: <https://build-a-shoebox.samaritanspurse.org/view/6ab4871d-77bc-4fa4-985d-fa19233c84bb> or scan the following QR code.



Please contact Kristy Engelkes at 563-210-2462 if you need help or have any questions.

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Preschool FUNDRAISER

OCTOBER 16TH - 30TH

Sweetheart Bakery

Cookie Kits - \$20

- 12 Fall Sugar Cookies
- 1 Bag of White Frosting
- 1 Bag of Orange
- 1 Bag of Brown

All proceeds will support classroom upgrades.

Cookie Pickup: November 20th
from 10:30 am - 6:00 pm in Grace Hall

The Preschool Board is selling Sweetheart Bakery Cookie Kits Sunday, October 19th and 26th before worship service. All proceeds will go to benefit the Preschool Classroom and programs. Cookie kits cost \$20 and pickup is on November 20th in Grace Hall.

Baptized on October 18, 2025—Cecilia Connie Robinson, daughter of James & Tammy Robinson was baptized on October 18th. Her baptismal sponsors are Tonya Lenz and Mathias Robinson.

Changes in Offering Envelopes for 2026—It is that time of year again when I prepare the 2026 Offering Envelope list. In order to assist me in creating an accurate list of those members who need envelopes I need your assistance. On the Welcome Center is a form, if you currently have envelopes but no longer need them or if you do not have envelopes and would like them I need to know. Take a moment to write your name down on the form and indicate, which a check mark, your desired change. I will use this information when assigning envelopes. Envelope changes need to be given to me on or before November 17th.

Victory Center

November 20th is our next service event at the Victory Center in Clinton. We are looking for people to provide milk, soup, salads, desserts, crackers, and to help serve. If you can help with this, please sign your name on the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Center.