

## Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

### News & Notes

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

#### The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

**Hymns:** 901   645   644

**Grace Choir directed by Julie Matzen; Accompanied by Connie Vickers**  
"The Potter's Hand"

**Readings:** Ezekiel 34:11-24   1 Timothy 1:5-17   Luke 15:1-10

**Sermon:** "This One Is For You" - Pastor Rafferty

**Praying for:** Allen Anderson, Brad Birtell, Jill Jepsen, Dick Block, Kathi Lieving, Elaine Schoening, David Edens, and David & Jeremy Thomas, Randy Lange, and Barb Wold.

We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of Marilyn Mundt whom the Lord called to Himself this past week.

We lift up Rev. Ratcliffe, his family, and the congregation of St. Paul's Lutheran, as he prayerfully considers his two Calls. We pray that both congregations take comfort in knowing the God has a plan for us all.

**Gifts, Tithes & Offerings for 09/7/2025**  
*To fully fund our church budget we need \$7,481.00 per week.*

	Amount
Simply Giving	\$ 1,165.00
Tithes & Offering	\$ 8,038.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,203.00</b>

#### Attendance for the week of 9/7/2025

##### Sunday Worship

8:00 a.m.	104
10:00 a.m.	56
<b>Total</b>	<b>160</b>

#### THOSE IN SERVICE

##### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>

##### **10:00 a.m. Service**

Pastors: Pastor Merle & Pastor Rafferty

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Lucas Rickertsen

Acolyte: Cade Converse &  
Kitt Converse

##### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21<sup>st</sup>

##### **8:00 a.m. Service**

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Clint Albrecht


Acolyte: Ava Johnson

##### **10:30 a.m. Service**

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Lucas Rickertsen

Acolyte: Cameron Miller

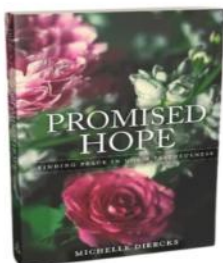
 Altar flowers were given in loving memory of Don & Carol Hesse's 70th Anniversary.

## Women's Bible Study



Sunday mornings at 9:15am,  
starting September 21st  
at Grace Church

Join us for coffee, fellowship &  
a study of "Promised Hope" with  
the author, Michelle Diercks.



"Promised Hope" can be  
purchased on Amazon  
OR you may purchase a  
copy from Michelle  
at the study for \$18.

**Victory Center** - We will be hosting a Victory Center Meal on September 18th. We are in need of one more volunteer who can assist with delivery and serving of the food. Sign-up sheet is located on the Welcome Center.

Sunday School begins on September 21st at 9:15 am. If are not registered, please do so at [gracedewitt.org](http://gracedewitt.org). We look forward to seeing everyone and spreading God's love through his word.

# Calendar

9/14/2025	10:00 AM	100 Year Anniversary Worship
	11:00 PM	100 Year Celebration Dinner
9/15/2025		Newsletter Deadline
	1:00 PM	500 Card Club
	7:00 PM	Youth Board Meeting
9/16/2025	6:30 PM	Camp Board Meeting
9/17/2025	5:30 PM	Confirmation
	7:00 PM	Grace Choir
	7:00 PM	High School Bible Study
9/18/2025		Preschool Yoga in Grace Hall
	9:00 AM	Tops Meeting
	9:30 AM	Stay Active Senior Exercise Group
	4:00 PM	Victory Center Service Event
9/21/2025	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship w/Communion
	9:15 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship w/Communion

## SENIOR HIGH DISTRICT GATHERING

The Iowa District West sponsored youth gathering will be held November 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> in Des Moines. This is open to all 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. Registration forms are available now. Please stop by Mr. Sperry's office to pick one up. The cost per person is **\$250**, which covers four meals, two nights' lodging, a t-shirt and all programming costs. Completed forms and payment are due by October 1st. Please contact DCE Mark Sperry if you have any questions.

## Monetary Donations

Monetary donations are being requested to help offset the cost of the food needed for the Concordia students visit at Camp. If you would like to assist with this cost, please put your donation in the "little white church". Thank you.



## "God Connects"

Everyone at some point, asks the question, "God are You there?" It can come at moments of reflection or in times of deep despair. "God, if You are there, why don't You show Yourself to me?" In this confusing world where authenticity is so elusive, it sometimes seems like we cannot connect to God.

On our own we cannot connect to God, but the good news is that God connects with us. He has been doing this from the beginning in amazing ways. This Bible Class will share the story of how God connects with us.

**Meets in Meeting Room #1.**

**Pies & Dessert Bakers**— October 12th will be here before you know it. Volunteers are needed to make pies and desserts for OctoberFeast. Sign-up sheets are located on the table in the foyer.

## Join the Cantata Chorale!

Come join the Cantata Chorale in performing our annual Christmas Cantata! Rehearsals begin Wednesday, October 1st at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. This year's performance is "Come and See, Go and Tell!" and it promises to put the "Good News of the Saviors Birth" in your heart as we enter the Christmas season!

