Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

News & Notes



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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE – October 4th - October 11th

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Setting: Divine Service, Setting 1, beginning on page 151

Hymns: 861 544 955 637 739 619 912

Readings: *Isaiah 5:1-7* *Philippians 3:4b-14* *Matthew 21:33-46*

Sermon: "Grapes of Wrath" – Matthew 21:38-39

Praying For: Allen Anderson, Brad Birtell, Dick Block, David Edens, Betsy Henningsen, Mary Krapl, Matthew Soenksen, Maribeth Penningroth, and Barb Billhorn.

CALENDAR

10/4/2026		"Mites" Sunday
	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship w/Communion
	9:15 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship/Communion
	4:00 PM	High School Youth Group
10/5/2026	1:00 PM	500 Card Club
	6:00 PM	Board of Discipleship
	6:30 PM	Elders Meeting
10/6/2026		Cross Country Meet @ Grace Camp
10/7/2026	5:30 PM	Confirmation
	6:30 PM	Grace Choir
	7:00 PM	Cantata Practice
	7:00 PM	High School Bible Study
10/8/2026		Cross Country Meet @ Grace Camp
	9:00 AM	Tops Meeting
	9:30 AM	Stay Active Senior Exercise Group
10/11/2026	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship
	9:15 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
	10:30 AM	Praise Worship
	3:30 PM	OctoberFeast

Celebrate LWML Sunday – October 4th!

On LWML Sunday, we celebrate the wonderful work of our Lutheran Women's Missionary League and the many ways they serve others. As part of the celebration, our Sewing Ladies will display their beautiful handmade quilts on the backs of the pews. Each quilt has been lovingly made with time, care, and prayer—and each quilt is available for just $35!

If you find a quilt you would like to purchase, simply take the quilt and place your check or cash in the envelope provided at the Welcome Center. Then place the envelope in the office door slot.

Take home a quilt made with love—and share the blessing!

Gifts, Tithes & Offerings for 9/27/2026. To fully fund the church budget, we need $7,929.00 per week.

Weekly Offering $ 14,573.00

Attendance for the week of 9/27/2026

Sunday Worship

8:00 am	90
10:30 am	48
Total	**138**

Sunday School Attendance - 9/27/2026 - 16

Those in Service

Sunday, October 4th

8:00 a.m. Service
Pastor Merle Warnsholz
Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Paul Kirby
Acolyte: Emmett Rickertsen & James Gruntorad

10:30 a.m. Service
Pastor Merle Warnsholz
Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Jon Betz
Acolyte: Kennick Meyer

Sunday, October 11th

8:00 a.m. Service
Pastor Merle Warnsholz
Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Paul Kirby
Acolyte: Dennis Wold & Ezekiel DeHaven

10:30 a.m. Service
Pastor Merle Warnsholz
Music: Praise Band
Elder: Jon Betz
Acolyte: Zane Burzlaff & Eden Gibson



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of our dear Aunt, Carol Ackerman by Ray, Sarah, Raymond and Kyle Ackerman.

Pastor Appreciation Day

Pastor Appreciation Day is October 11th! If you would like to honor Pastor Merle or Pastor Dolde with a kind word of appreciation, a wooden card box will be available through October 11th. We invite you to take a moment to share a note of encouragement, gratitude, or appreciation for all they do for our church.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Children, families, and friends of Grace Lutheran Church are invited to Trunk or Treat at Grace Camp!

Sunday, October 25th - 3:00–5:00 PM @ Grace Camp

Children will walk through the grounds with their adult(s), gathering treats from decorated vehicles along the way! If a child is unable to walk the grounds, please let us know so we can make a plan to accommodate them.

Would You Like to Host a Trunk?

Hosting a trunk is a fun way to help make this event special for our children and families! If you would like to participate, you will need to:

- Arrive at Grace Camp no later than 2:00 PM on October 25th to get your vehicle in place and decorated.
- Provide your own vehicle decorations. Get creative and have fun!
- Provide treats to distribute from your vehicle. We are planning for approximately 200 children.

SIGN UP IN ADVANCE!

PLEASE BE SURE TO SIGN UP TO HOST A TRUNK in advance. A sign-up sheet is located on the Welcome Center at Grace Lutheran Church. You may also contact Kerry Good at Grace Church at 563-659-9153 to sign up or ask questions.

We hope you'll join us for a fun afternoon
of treats, creativity, and fellowship!

TAKE A BAG! FILL A BAG!

This October, Grace Families are invited to help make a difference in our community!

After worship, take a grocery bag and fill it with items that can be used to stock the Referral Center pantry, which provides support and assistance to families in need.

It's a simple way to share God's love, lend a helping hand, and bless families right here in our community.

Take a Bag. Fill a Bag. Share the Love!



Victory Center Service Event

Our next meal is Thursday, October 15th, serving up to 40 guests. Volunteers are needed to provide main dishes, sides, desserts, and to help serve. The sign-up sheet is located on the Welcome Center.

Pies Needed!

OctoberFeast is next Sunday, October 11th! We still have 17 pie slots to fill and need your help! Whether you bake it or buy it, we'd love your contribution! Pies and desserts are needed to help make this special event a success. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the foyer. Thank you for sharing your time, talents, and sweet treats!

Tickets On Sale Now!

You can purchase your tickets for **OctoberFeast** on Sundays before or after worship service, or stop by the church office during the week.

- **Adults:** $15 in advance | $17 at the door
- **Children (5-10):** $5

We hope you'll join us for OctoberFeast!

OctoberFeast: A Time to Gather & Give

OctoberFeast is a special time when the families of Grace Church come together with friends and neighbors from our community to share a delicious meal and enjoy fellowship with one another. It is a wonderful opportunity to welcome others, build relationships, and celebrate the blessings of our church family.

If you would like to help support OctoberFeast with an additional donation, you may place your contribution in the little donation box on the table in the foyer. Every gift, large or small, helps make this special event possible!

Thank you for helping make OctoberFeast a blessing to our church and community!

LWML Mite Offering – Small Gifts. Big Impact! This Sunday, we will be collecting LWML Mite donations. These gifts help support LWML mission projects that share Christ's love and make a difference in the lives of others. Please consider giving to this important ministry. Donations may be placed in the Mite box located in the narthex. Thank you for helping make a difference—one mite at a time!