

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

News & Notes

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE - October 26th — November 2nd

Reformation Sunday

Setting: Divine Service, Setting 4 beginning on page 203

Hymns: 657 555 655

Readings: *Revelation 14:6-7 Romans 3:19-28 John 8:31-36*

Sermon: "The Genius of God" - John 8:31-32

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

Calendar

10/26/2025	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship
	9:15 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship
10/27/2025	3:00 PM	Trunk or Treat
	6:30 PM	Board of Christian Education
	10/29/2025	5:30 PM Confirmation
10/30/2025	6:30 PM	Grace Choir
	7:00 PM	Cantata Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	High School Bible Study
11/2/2025	9:00 AM	Tops Meeting
	9:30 AM	Stay Active Senior Exercise Group
	"Mites" Sunday	
	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship w/Communion
	9:15 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship w/Comm

The November Newsletter is now available to pick up in the church foyer or you can download it off the church website at www.gracedewitt.org.

Gifts, Tithes & Offerings for 10/19/2025
To fully fund our church budget we need
\$7,481.00 per week.

	Amount
Simply Giving	\$ 1,070.00
Tithes & Offering	\$ 6,411.00
Total	\$ 7,481.00

Weekly Shortage

Attendance for the week of 10/19/2025

Sunday Worship

8:00 a.m.	79
10:30 a.m.	63
Total	142

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd

8:00 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Clint Albrecht
Acolyte: Adelynn Williams & Raleigh Spain

10:30 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Jon Betz
Acolyte: Kinley Albrecht



Altar flowers this morning were given in honor of Jill & John Gisel's 37th Wedding Anniversary.

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, soup, salads, desserts, and to help serve. If you can help with this, please sign your name on the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Center.



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.samaritanpurse.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.



LWML will be collecting MITES on Sunday, November 2nd. If you would like to help support the LCMS with their mission projects you can place your donation inside the box located in the Narthex. Thank you for your support of LWML and the missions of the LCMS.

SR. HIGH MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

Our study meets Wednesday's @ 7:00 pm at the Sperry's. Please join us for Bible study and fellowship. This month we will meet on the 5th, 12th & 19th. We will not meet on the 26th as there is Thanksgiving Eve Worship that evening.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH ACTIVITY

Attention all 6th – 8th graders. Make plans now to join Sunday, November 16th for an afternoon of friends, fun, food, and games at Grace Camp. Please R.S.V.P. to msperry@gracedewitt.org by Wednesday, November 12th.

Referral Center Donations

We will continue to collect monthly donations for the Referral Center as the need is great. The referral center can always use kid friendly cereal, instant potatoes, canned soup, toilet paper, canned vegetables, peanut butter, and Hamburger Helper. All donations can be left in the shopping cart located in the foyer.

The 2026 Altar Flower calendar is now available on the Welcome Center.

Bouquets can be donated in honor of or in memory of persons or events. Each bouquet is \$30 and there are two bouquets available each week. Please sign up for your preferred dates and place your payment in the secretary's door. You may purchase one or both bouquets.

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



Sunday, November 2nd