

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

News & Notes

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE – May 24th – May 31st

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

Hymns: 913 497 498

Readings: Numbers 11:24-30 Acts 2:1-21 John 7:37-39

Sermon: "Rivers of the Living Water" – John 7:38

Praying For: Allen Anderson, Brad Birtell, Dick Block, Elaine Schoening, David Edens, Scott McBride, Betsy Henningsen, Mary Krapl, and Matthew Soenksen.

CALENDAR

5/24/2026	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship
	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship
5/25/2026		No Preschool/Office Closed
	6:30 PM	Board of Christian Education
5/27/2026	9:00 AM	Tops Meeting
	9:30 AM	Stay Active Senior Exercise Group
5/31/2026	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship w/Communion
	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship w/Communion
	12:30 PM	Grace Camp Work Day

The Mission Spotlight for May is for the Belize Mission Society. We are collecting mission donations to support the Food 4 Thought program. This program provides children with a daily hot lunch and a scholarship that covers school fees and uniforms. Donations can be left in the "white church" located on the table in the narthex. We have set a \$500 goal for this mission. We have collected **\$160**.

Donation Request for Empty Cans

We are looking for empty metal cans 14.75 to 15 ounces. Please use a safety opener so that the rim is not sharp. This helps ensure the cans are safe to handle and reduces the risk of injury. Place your cans in the basket located under the VBS sign-up table.

Grace Camp will host a special work day on Sunday, May 31st, starting at 12:30 p.m., to get ready for the summer season! We're looking for helpers of all ages to help prepare the camp for the summer. There will be a variety of tasks to choose from, such as picking up sticks, spreading mulch, and other seasonal prep work.

Gifts, Tithes & Offerings for 5/17/2026. To fully fund the church budget, we need \$7,929.00 per week.

Weekly Offering \$ 10,827.00

Attendance for the week of 5/17/2026

Sunday Worship

8:00 am 129

10:30 am 62

Total 181

Sunday, May 24th

8:00 a.m. Service

Pastor Merle Warnsholz

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Paul Kirby

Acolyte: Ava Johnson

10:30 a.m. Service

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Elder: Jon Betz

Acolyte: Larry Oronzio

Sunday, May 31st

8:00 a.m. Service

Pastor Merle Warnsholz

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Paul Kirby

Acolyte: Austin Nolin

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Donations Needed – We need food donations for the meals we provide during Vacation Bible School. Please see the table in the foyer to sign up for items needed.

Please join us on Tuesday, May 26th at 8 am to help us take down the flags.

Summer Worship Schedule Begins Sunday, June 7th

Sunday Worship

8:00 a.m. @ Grace Church

Traditional Worship

10:00 a.m. @ Grace Camp

Outdoor Chapel

Praise Service

Volunteers Needed – Grace Lutheran Ministries

Grace Camp and Grace Church are excited to offer a variety of summer activities for children of all ages—serving both our congregation and our community. These programs are a joyful way to share God’s love, build lasting connections, and show a caring heart in action.

We can’t do it without you! Whether you enjoy leading games, helping with crafts, serving snacks, assisting with Day Camp, or simply offering a friendly smile, your time and talents can make a lasting difference in a child’s life.

Come be part of something meaningful this summer—help us plant seeds of faith, friendship, and joy!

Volunteers are needed for:

Day Camps

Cooking Camp – June 9th

9 am-12 pm [Held at Church]

1 pm- 4 pm [Held at Church]

Fishing Camp – June 10th 9 am – 12 pm

Cooking Camp – June 11th

9 am – 12 pm [Held at Church]

1 pm - 4 pm [Held at Church]

Arts & Crafts Camp – June 16th 9 am – 12 pm

Arts & Crafts Camp – June 16th 1pm – 4 pm

Fishing Camp – June 17th 9 am – 12 pm

Vacation Bible School – June 22nd – 25th - We need the Volunteers to help with VBS:

Crew Leaders & Crew Members – These volunteers walk children to activities and help keep the children safe.

Science & Craft Helpers – Assist the leaders with the science and craft station.

Game Helpers – Assist the leader with games.

Take a moment to look at your schedule to see where you can use your time and talent. Sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Please remember, all volunteers 18 years or older are required to do a background check. Forms for these checks are located on the Welcome Center. Fill out the form and return it to Kerry or Mark..

Funeral Service Reminder

We gently remind friends and family that the funeral service for Jill Jepsen will be held on Saturday, May 30th, at 10:30 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church. Your presence, prayers, and support are deeply appreciated during this time of remembrance.

Looking for a 4th of July Parade Coordinator

We’re excited to be part of our town’s 4th of July celebration this year, and we’re looking for someone to help lead our church’s involvement! This could mean organizing a float for the parade **or** simply coordinating a fun and welcoming presence on our church lawn—handing out water, watermelon, or other treats to our neighbors.

If you have a heart for community outreach and a little creativity, we’d love for you to step in and help make this a joyful event.

If you’re interested, please Kristy Engelkes for more details.

Registration Information:

Summer is approaching fast and so is our first Day Camp of the season as well as Vacation Bible School. If you have a child who may be interested in attending one of our Day Camps or VBS you still have time to register.

Register by May 27th

June 9 – “Cooking @ Grace”– Open to 1st through 3rd

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10 - “Fishing Camp” – Open to 1st through 6th

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June 11 – “Cooking @ Grace”– Open to 4th through 6th

Register by June 2nd

June 16 – “Arts & Crafts” – Open to 1st through 3rd

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Register by June 3rd

June 17 - “Fishing Camp” – Open to 1st - 6th Grade

Register by June 6th

June 18 – Little Kids – Open to 4 & 5 Year olds

Register by June 18th

June 22nd –25th - VBS Emerald Crossing - 3years – 5th Grade

Register by July 1st to receive a t-shirt (deadline to register July 20th)

July 27th – 29th Grace Lutheran Summer Camp 2026

Open to 2nd Grade through 8th Grade

If you would like more detailed information on any of these activities, please visit our website at www.gracedewitt.org.