

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

News & Notes

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE – August 30th - September 6th

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Hymns: 427 685 956 680 842 617 722

Readings: *Jeremiah 15:15-21 Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28*

Sermon: "The True Language of Love" – Romans 12:9-10

Praying For: Allen Anderson, Brad Birtell, Dick Block, David Edens, Scott McBride, Betsy Henningsen, Mary Krapf, Matthew Soenksen, and Maribeth Penningroth.

CALENDAR

8/30/2026	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship w/Communion
	10:00 AM	Praise Worship w/Communion@ Grace Camp
8/31/2026		3s MWF Class Starts
	6:00 PM	Discipleship Meeting
9/1/2026		3s TTH Class Starts
9/2/2026	5:30 PM	Confirmation
	7:00 PM	High School Bible Study
9/3/2026	9:00 AM	Tops Meeting
	9:30 AM	Stay Active Senior Exercise Group
9/6/2026		"Mites" Sunday
	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship w/Communion
	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship/Communion
	3:00 PM	High School Youth Group

Gifts, Tithes & Offerings for 8/23/2026. To fully fund the church budget, we need \$7,929.00 per week.

Weekly Offering \$

Weekly Shortage: \$

Attendance for the week of 8/23/2026

Sunday Worship

8:00 am 73

10:30 am 67

Total 140

Those in Service

Sunday, August 30th

8:00 a.m. Service

Pastor Merle Warnsholz

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Duane Hansen

Acolyte: Ryleigh Spain

10:00 a.m. Service @ Camp

Pastor Merle Warnsholz

Music: Praise Band

Elder: Scott Steffens

Sunday, September 6th

8:00 a.m. Service

Pastor Merle Warnsholz

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Alan Ruggeberg

Acolyte: Dennis Wold

10:30 a.m. Service

Pastor Merle Warnsholz

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Aaron Myers & Lucas Rickertsen

Acolyte: Zane Burzlaff

Fall Worship Schedule

Fall Worship Times begin Sunday, September 6th.

Sunday Worship

8:00 AM @ Church

10:30 AM @ Church

Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

Sunday, September 13th @ 9:15 a.m.

LWML Mites Collection –

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) will be collecting Mites on Sunday, September 6th. These offerings help support LCMS mission projects locally and around the world. If you would like to participate, you may place your donation in the Mite Box located in the Narthex or leave a clearly marked donation in the offering plate. Thank you for your faithful support of LWML and the mission work of the LCMS — together, we are sharing Christ's love in action!



Altar flowers were given in honor of Matthew Barry by Allison LaFevers.

Concordia University Students Visiting

We are excited to welcome students from Concordia University to Grace Camp on September 11–13!

To help provide meals and snacks for the students during their stay, we are asking for donations of fruit, cereal, chips, water, milk, cookies, and breakfast items.

If you are able to help, please sign up on the donation sheets located on the table in the church foyer. All donated items should be brought to the church by Thursday, September 10, at noon.

LCMSYG2028 Meeting

Attention all incoming 7th – 11th graders. Please join us **Sunday, September 13th** at 11:45 am for an informational meeting about the 2028 LCMS Youth Gathering. We will meet in Grace Hall here at church. If you can't attend this meeting but are interested in attending the 2028 gathering, please let Mr. Sperry know.

Reserve your spot at *Vocatio: Retreat* Oct. 4–7, 2026 Registration closes Sunday, Sept. 13th

If you have considered serving as a pastor, deaconess, missionary or chaplain, ***Vocatio: Retreat*** offers time away to explore that vocation in community.

From Oct. 4–7, you will worship, study Scripture, talk with Seminary professors and students, and experience life on campus — all while connecting with others exploring that same journey.

Space is limited. **Register** by Sept. 13.

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, canned fruit, Ranch dressing, BBQ sauce, dish soap, peanut butter, Jell-O, pudding, and so much more. All donations can be left in the shopping cart located in the foyer.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Classes begin Wednesday, **September 2nd**. We meet from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm each Wednesday here at church. If you have a student in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade, please contact the church office to get them registered.

SENIOR HIGH BIBLE STUDY

Attention all 9th through 12th graders. Our Midweek Bible study begins **September 2nd @ 7:00 pm** at the Sperry's home. Our address is 1315 Maple Wood Court here in DeWitt. We look forward to welcoming you into our home.

Mission Spotlight for August - Victory Center

Total Collected to Date: \$ 70.00

Supporting The Victory Center

This month, we're excited to support **The Victory Center!** We will be collecting **hygiene items, paper products, and other needed supplies** to help meet their needs. A list can be found in your August Newsletter as well as on the table in the foyer.

Monetary donations are also welcome. Donations may be placed in the **wooden box on the display table.**

Your generosity will make a real difference in the lives of those served by The Victory Center. **Thank you for helping us bless the Victory Center!**

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

SEPTEMBER 6 3-6PM

BOWLING, NACHO BAR, NINE SQUARE & CORNHOLE

MEET AT DEWITT LANES AT 3PM
FINISH AT GRACE CHURCH AT 6PM

OPEN TO ALL HIGH SCHOOL TEENS

QUESTIONS?
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THIS EVENT IS FREE FOR ALL YOUTH THANKS
TO THE GENEROSITY OF OUR CONGREGATION.

