

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

News & Notes

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE – September 13th - September 20th

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Setting: Divine Service, Setting 3, beginning on page 184

Hymns: 496 750 790

Grace Choir directed by Julie Matzen - "The Potter's Hand"

Readings: Genesis 50:15-21 Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon: "Forgiven to Forgive"

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

CALENDAR

9/13/2026	RaiseRight Orders Due
8:00 AM	Traditional Worship
9:15 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
10:30 AM	Praise Worship
11:30 AM	LCMSYG2028 Meeting
9/14/2026	6:00 PM Council Meeting
9/15/2026	Newsletter Deadline
6:30 PM	Camp Board Meeting
9/16/2026	5:30 PM Confirmation
7:00 PM	Grace Choir
9/17/2026	Preschool Yoga
9:00 AM	Tops Meeting
9:30 AM	Stay Active Senior Exercise Group
4:00 PM	Victory Center Service Event
9/20/2026	8:00 AM Traditional Worship w/Communion
9:15 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
10:30 AM	Traditional Worship/Communion

We'd love for you to stay between services today for fellowship! Come, enjoy some refreshments, good conversation, and the blessing of being together.

LCMSYG2028 Meeting

Attention all incoming 7th – 11th graders. Please join us **Sunday, September 13th** at 11:30 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.

Gifts, Tithes & Offerings for 9/6/2026. To fully fund the church budget, we need \$7,929.00 per week.

Weekly Offering \$ 6,776.00

Weekly Shortage: \$ 1,153.00

Attendance for the week of 9/6/2026

Sunday Worship

8:00 am 82

10:30 am 45

Total 127

Those in Service

Sunday, September 13th

8:00 a.m. Service

Pastor Merle Warnsholz

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Alan Ruggeberg

Acolyte: Brody Lawrence

10:30 a.m. Service

Pastor Merle Warnsholz

Music: Praise Band

Elder: Aaron Myers & Lucas Rickertsen

Acolyte: Kennick Meyer

Sunday, September 20th

8:00 a.m. Service

Pastor Merle Warnsholz

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Alan Ruggeberg

Acolyte: Collin Oliver/Graham Gibson

10:30 a.m. Service

Pastor Merle Warnsholz

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Aaron Myers & Lucas Rickertsen

Acolyte: Carter Paarmann



Altar flowers were given in honor of Abie Jensen's birthday.

Women Wine and the Word

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 24TH

6:30 PM

The Varsity Tap

UPSTAIRS LOUNGE

Join us for an evening of fellowship with other women!

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Note: This space is upstairs. If this type of event interests you but accessibility is an issue, please contact Rachael at 563-593-2393 so we can plan with that in mind for future events.

☀️ SEPTEMBER MISSION SPOTLIGHT ☀️ EIGHT DAYS OF HOPE

Serving as the hands and feet of Christ by providing light in the face of darkness and restoration in the face of destruction.

Eight Days of Hope is a Christian, nonprofit organization that responds to disasters across the country. Their teams help rebuild homes, communities, and lives while sharing Christ's love and hope with those who are hurting.

YOU CAN HELP! This month, we will be collecting financial donations to support the mission of Eight Days of Hope.

Donations may be placed in the wooden church donation box located on the table in the foyer.

Together, we can bring hope, healing, and restoration to those in need. Thank you for helping us be the hands and feet of Christ!

*To date we have collected \$20
to be sent to this mission.*



Adult Bible Class Returns Sunday, Sept. 13th!

We're excited to invite you back to Adult Bible Class beginning Sunday, September 13th at 9:15 a.m. in Grace Hall. This fall, we'll be diving into two powerful video-based studies that will inspire, challenge, and deepen your walk with Christ.

Week One – Road to Emmaus

Next, we'll turn to *Road to Emmaus*, a moving retelling of the encounter between two disciples and the risen Jesus on the road from Jerusalem—though they didn't recognize Him at first. We'll watch the video in segments, pausing to reflect on the meaning of each part of the journey and what it reveals about faith, hope, and the presence of Christ in our own lives.

Whether you've been part of Adult Bible Class for years or are joining for the first time, this is a wonderful opportunity to grow in understanding, fellowship, and faith.

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.