

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

News & Notes

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE - August 13th— August 20th

The Tenth Sunday after Epiphany

Setting: Divine Service Setting 4, page 203

Hymns: 849 715 588

Readings: Job 38:4-18 Romans 10:5-17 Matthew 14:22-33

Sermon: "You Cry, Jesus Hears"

Praying for: Allen Anderson and Charlotte Harroun.

Calendar

8/13/2023	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship
	10:00 AM	Praise Worship @ Grace Camp
8/14/2023	5:30 PM	Preschool Board Meeting
	6:00 PM	Council Meeting
8/15/2023		Newsletter Deadline
	6:30 PM	Camp Board Meeting
8/16/2023	7:00 PM	Welton Chapel Worship w/Communion
8/17/2023	9:00 AM	Tops Meeting
8/20/2023	8:00 AM	Grace Camp Pancake Breakfast
	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship w/Communion
	10:00 AM	Praise Worship @ Grace Camp
8/21/2023	1:00 PM	500 Card Club
	7:00 PM	Youth Board Meeting
8/22/2023	4:30 PM	3s Open House
	5:45 PM	4s Open House
8/23/2023	7:00 PM	Welton Chapel Worship

Small Group Leaders Needed Help Lead us on our Journey!

The Red Letter Challenge is coming to Grace Lutheran Church October 1st! This 40 day study will help us become greater followers of Jesus Christ by taking a deeper look into his Word. In addition to the self-study opportunities, we will be forming small study groups to encourage each other and learn in a group setting. We are looking for small group leaders to facilitate our group study. Group Leaders will select days, times, and meeting locations for their group. They will also guide the weekly study using the Red Letter Challenge book and study materials which are provided. Each group will have approximately 10 people. This a great way to strengthen your own faith and lead others on their own faith journey. Please contact Mike Vopatek at 563-249-2276 (text or call) or the church office with questions. A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board in the church foyer.

Gifts, Tithes & Offerings for 8/06/2023

*To fully fund our church budget we need
\$6,727.00 per week.*

	Amount
Tithes & Offering	\$ 6,559.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,010.00
Total	\$ 7,569.00

Attendance for the week of 8/06/2023

Wednesday Worship	
7:00 p.m.	25
Sunday Worship	
8:00 a.m.	54
10:00 a.m.	84
Total	163

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13th

8:00 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Leon Doescher

Acolyte: Jaelyn Sinclair

10:00 a.m. Service

Music: Praise Band

Elder: Scott Havener

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16th

7:00 p.m. Service

Pianist: Kamryn Albrecht

Elder: Clint Albrecht

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20th

8:00 a.m. Service

Guest Pastor: Rev. T.W. Vanderbilt

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Leon Doescher

Acolyte: Ella Sunday

10:00 a.m. Service

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Altar flowers were given in loving memory of Ralph Johnson, by Bev Johnson.

Grace Camp Pancake Breakfast



**8:00 am to 11:30 am
at the Pavilion
Sunday, August 20th**

Introduction to the Bible

If you have a student who is entering 3rd grade this fall, please stop by the office to pick-up your Introduction to the Bible packet. Bibles will be presented to the children during either worship service on Sunday, September 24th. Please contact Mark Sperry with any questions.

CLUB345 Back-2-School Party

Attention all incoming 3rd, 4th & 5th graders. Please join us Sunday, August 27th from 2 pm – 3:30 pm for our back-2-School Party. We will meet at the G*Y*M Building at Grace Camp.

Back-2-School Blast

Attention all incoming 6th-12th graders. Make plans now to join us on Sunday, August 27th from 5 pm – 7 pm for our annual Back-2-School Blast. There will be food, fun, games and prizes! We hope to see you there as we get ready to kick off a new school year. To we make sure to have enough food, please sign-up on the bulletin board outside of Mr. Sperry's office or contact him to let him know you will be attending.



Sunday School Teachers are an integral part of the church, especially when it comes to the children. Sunday school teachers influence the hearts and minds of the next generation. Every Sunday the

children come to class to learn about the Word of the Lord through lessons, games, and crafts. We are looking for individuals that have the time and talent to provide the Sunday School Children with their knowledge of the Bible stories using the curriculum provided by the church.

Currently we are looking for teachers for the following:

K's & 1st Grade (Need an assistant teacher)
4th & 5th Grade

We are also looking for Substitute Sunday School Teachers. If you are interested in volunteering to be a teacher or would like more information, please contact Mark Sperry or Pastor Eric.

Outdoor Chapel Benches

Grace Camp is continuing to raise money for the benches for the Outdoor Chapel. The total cost for the benches is \$16,200.00. We have raised \$8,300.00 to date. Once the fundraising is complete all the benches will be installed.

If you would like to see what the benches will look like drive by the Andrew Retreat Center where a new bench, donated by Maribeth Penningroth, was installed.

Please, contact a Camp Board member if you have any questions.

Support Grace Lutheran Preschool By Purchasing Gift Cards

Would you like to support Grace Lutheran Preschool? There is no easier way then to grab a gift card from Walmart, Kwik Star or Target. These gift cards will be used to purchase snacks and supplies for the little ones attending our Preschool.

Gift cards can be brought to the Church office or dropped in the Secretary's mail slot. Thank you for your continued support of the Preschool.

Sunday School Registration Open — Children 3yrs through 12th grade are invited to join us for Sunday School, which begins on Sunday, September 10th. Please take a moment to register your child for Sunday School by logging into www.gracedewitt.org and find the Sunday School Registration button and it will take you where you need to register. Please completely fill out the form. **(Reminder - You need to register every year. This form provides us with important emergency information)**



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

2023 Fall Collection Drive

School Kits

Every year we have the opportunity to collect donations for Lutheran World Relief. LWR offers comfort and care to those who need it most. Often, when natural disasters strike or when war drives families from their homes, our hearts ache with compassion, but we don't know how to help. Making Lutheran World Relief Kits is a simple, fun and tangible way to offer comfort to those suffering and express love to our neighbors in need.

LWR Kits are specifically designed to help people coping with poverty, disaster, conflict and more. Whether a kit helps someone to maintain good hygiene, care well for a newborn baby, keep education going during a crisis or learn a new vocation, LWR Kits provide dignity and hope in the direst situations.

Supplies needed for each School Kit:

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½" (no loose-leaf paper can be accepted)
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- Five #2 Pencils
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One 2 ½" eraser

We will be collecting items for school kits. All donations can be left on the display table in the foyer. All items must be new and unused and can be left on the display in the foyer.

Thank you for your support!

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League - Grace Lutheran Church

Mark Your Calendar September 15—17th

Grace Church and Grace Camp have the opportunity to host the Concordia Chicago Christian Education Students and facility members September 15—17th. We are anticipating over 70 people.

Watch the News & Notes for more information on ways to volunteer and the opportunity to come and work beside these young men and women in the Concordia Chicago Christian Ed programs.

DONATIONS NEEDED

With the large group of Concordia students coming to Grace Camp, we are in need of food donations. A complete list of items needed can be found on the Welcome Center or see the Elder at either camp service to see a sign up sheet.

LCMSYG2025 Meeting

Attention all incoming 7th – 11th graders. Please join us Sunday, August 27th at 4:00 pm for an informational meeting about the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering. We will meet at the G*Y*M Building at Grace Camp. If you can't attend this meeting but are interested in attending the gathering, please let Mr. Sperry know. We will hold a second meeting on September 10th at church at 11:30 am.

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