

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

News & Notes

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE - October 12th— October 19th

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Setting: Divine Service, Setting 4 beginning on page 203

Hymns: 664 846 806

Grace Choir directed by Julie Matzen, Accompanied by Connie Vickers — “He is Here”

Readings: Ruth 1:1-19a 2 Timothy 2:1-13 Luke 17:11-19

Sermon: “When You’re at the End of Your Rope” - Luke 17:19

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

Call Update—During service last Sunday it was announced the Pastor Ratcliff declined the call to Grace. The Call Committee met this week to discuss the next steps. They will be asking the District Office to provide us with more Pastoral Candidates. Members can also submit names for Pastor’s as well. There are Pastor Nomination Forms on the Welcome center, please fill them out and place in the Office mail slot.

Gifts, Tithes & Offerings for 10/5/2025
To fully fund our church budget we need \$7,481.00 per week.

	Amount
Simply Giving	\$ 1,171.00
Tithes & Offering	\$ 8,273.00
Total	\$ 9,444.00

Attendance for the week of 10/5/2025

Sunday Worship

8:00 a.m.	90
10:30 a.m.	44
Total	139

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12th

8:00 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Paul Kirby

Acolyte: Zane Burzlaff &
Emmett Rickertsen

10:30 a.m. Service

Music: Praise Band

Elder: Lucas Rickertsen

Acolyte: Brody Lawrence &

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19th

8:00 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Paul Kirby

Acolyte: Jaren Nebel &
Dennis Wold

10:30 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Scott Havener

Acolyte: Kennick Meyer

JOIN US FOR FAMILY FUN!

HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT

at Grace Lutheran Camp

OCTOBER 26 • 3:00 - 5:00PM

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US AS WE
TRUNK OR TREAT AROUND GRACE CAMP.

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Altar flowers were given by Mary Garlough in honor of all the Fall Birthdays.

Bible Study Opportunities Sundays at 9:15 am:

Adult Bible Study “God Connects”

Led by Pastor Merle
Grace Hall

Women’s Bible Study— “Promised Hope”

Led by Michelle Diercks
Meeting Room #1

Calendar

10/12/2025	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship
	9:15 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Praise Worship
	3:30 PM	OctoberFeast
10/14/2025		Board of Elders
		4s Preschool Conferences
10/15/2025		4s Preschool Conferences
		Church Office will close @ 1pm
		Cross Country @ Camp
		Newsletter Deadline
	9:00 AM	Sewing Ladies
	5:30 PM	Confirmation
	6:30 PM	Grace Choir
	7:00 PM	Cantata Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	High School Bible Study
10/16/2025		Church Office will close @ 1pm
	9:00 AM	Tops Meeting
	9:30 AM	Stay Active Senior Exercise Group
	4:00 PM	Victory Center Service Event
10/17/2025		Church Office Closed & No Preschool
10/19/2025	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship w/Communion
	9:15 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship w/Communion

TRUNK OR TREAT

10 More Trunks Needed

We will be hosting our annual Trunk or Treat event at Grace Camp on Sunday, October 26th from 3-5 pm. We are looking for **25 volunteers to host a trunk** (we have 15). You will need to show up at Camp no later than 2 pm, decorate your trunk, and provide candy for at least 200 children. There is a sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Bonfire & Games @ Grace Camp

Sunday, October 19th is the date for our Bonfire & Games @ Grace Camp. Sign-up deadline is October 15th. Please R.S.V.P. to Mr. Sperry at msperry@gracedewitt.org.

Referral Center Donations - We continue to collect donation for the referral center. They can always use kid friendly cereal, Ramen noodles, canned fruit, canned soup, toothpaste, and canned vegetables. All donations can be left in the shopping cart located in the foyer.

Operation Christmas Child

The Operation Christmas Child shoebox drive will be underway beginning in October. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Through this project, Samaritan's Purse partners with local churches worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nations.

How can you help?

- 1) Monetary donations can be left in the "Little White Church" in the foyer October 19 – November 16.
- 2) Fill a shoebox as full as possible with gifts for a boy or girl. A child only receives one OCC shoebox in their lifetime so make it great!
- 3) Pray for this mission, the children, churches and all those who share their love through this mission.

Collection Goals?

- 1.) Fill 100 shoeboxes with gifts for boys and girls.
- 2.) Collect \$1000 to mail 100 shoe boxes.
- 3.) Collect \$600 to fund "The Greatest Journey", a 12-lesson discipleship course included with each box. These lessons teach the children how to follow Christ and share Him with others. As they do, entire families and communities are transformed by the power of the Gospel, and churches are started.

Women
Wine
and the
Word

Thursday October 23rd

6:30pm

The Varsity Tap
Upstairs Lounge

Join us for an evening
of fellowship with
other women!



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