Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

News & Notes



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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE – October 11th - October 18th

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Hymns: 818 973 955 917

Grace Choir directed by Julie Matzen - Accompanied by Connie Vickers

"This is the Day"

Readings: *Isaiah 5:6-9* *Philippians 4:4-13* *Matthew 22:1-14*

Sermon: "How is Your Life?" – Isaiah 25:6-9

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

CALENDAR

10/11/2026	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship
	9:15 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
	10:30 AM	Praise Worship
	3:30 PM	Octoberfeast
10/12/2026	6:00 PM	Council Meeting
10/13/2026		4s Fall Conferences
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	7:00 AM	Board of Finance Meeting
	9:00 AM	Sewing Ladies
	5:30 PM	Confirmation
	6:30 PM	Grace Choir
	7:00 PM	Cantata Practice
	7:00 PM	High School Bible Study
10/15/2026		Newsletter Deadline
10/15/2026	9:00 AM	Tops Meeting
	9:30 AM	Stay Active Senior Exercise Group
	4:00 PM	Victory Center Service Event
10/16/2026		No Preschool
10/18/2026		RaiseRight Orders Due
10/18/2026	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship w/Communion
	9:15 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship/Communion
	4:00 PM	Middle School Youth Activity

Middle School Bonfire & Games @ Grace Camp

Sunday, October 18th is the date for our Bonfire & Games @ Grace Camp. The deadline to sign up is October 15th. Please R.S.V.P. to Mr. Sperry at msperry@gracedewitt.org. This is open to all 6th-8th graders and their friends.

Gifts, Tithes & Offerings for 10/4/2026. To fully fund the church budget, we need $7,929.00 per week.

Weekly Offering $ 7,390.00

Weekly Shortage $539.00

Attendance for the week of 10/4/2026

Sunday Worship

8:00 am	76
10:30 am	59
Total	**135**

Sunday School Attendance - 10/4/2026 - 18

Those in Service

Sunday, October 11th

8:00 a.m. Service
Pastor Merle Warnsholz
Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Paul Kirby
Acolyte: Dennis Wold & Ezekiel DeHaven

10:30 a.m. Service
Pastor Merle Warnsholz
Music: Praise Band
Elder: Jon Betz
Acolyte: Zane Burzlaff & Eden Gibson

Sunday, October 18th

8:00 a.m. Service
Pastor Merle Warnsholz
Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Paul Kirby
Acolyte: Brody Lawrence & Paisley Mork

10:30 a.m. Service
Pastor Merle Warnsholz
Music: Praise Band
Elder: Jon Betz
Acolyte: Emmett Rickertsen



Altar flowers are given in honor of Mary Garlough's birthday.

Pastor Appreciation Day

Pastor Appreciation Day is October 11th! If you would like to honor Pastor Merle or Pastor Dolde with a kind word of appreciation, a wooden card box will be available through October 11th. We invite you to take a moment to share a note of encouragement, gratitude, or appreciation for all they do for our church.

Victory Center Service Event

Our next meal is Thursday, October 15th, serving up to 40 guests. Volunteers are needed to provide main dishes, sides, desserts, and to help serve. The sign-up sheet is located on the Welcome Center.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Children, families, and friends of Grace Lutheran Church are invited to Trunk or Treat at Grace Camp!

Sunday, October 25th - 3:00–5:00 PM
@ Grace Camp

Children will walk through the grounds with their adult(s), gathering treats from decorated vehicles along the way! If a child is unable to walk the grounds, please let us know so we can make a plan to accommodate them.

Would You Like to Host a Trunk?

Hosting a trunk is a fun way to help make this event special for our children and families! If you would like to participate, you will need to:

- Arrive at Grace Camp no later than 2:00 PM on October 25th to get your vehicle in place and decorated.
- Provide your own vehicle decorations. Get creative and have fun!
- Provide treats to distribute from your vehicle. We are planning for approximately 200 children.

SIGN UP IN ADVANCE!

PLEASE BE SURE TO SIGN UP TO HOST A TRUNK in advance. A sign-up sheet is located on the Welcome Center at Grace Lutheran Church. You may also contact Kerry Good at Grace Church at 563-659-9153 to sign up or ask questions.

We hope you'll join us for a fun afternoon
of treats, creativity, and fellowship!

TAKE A BAG! FILL A BAG!

This October, Grace Families are invited to help make a difference in our community!

After worship, take a grocery bag and fill it with items that can be used to stock the Referral Center pantry, which provides support and assistance to families in need.

It's a simple way to share God's love, lend a helping hand, and bless families right here in our community.

Take a Bag. Fill a Bag. Share the Love!



Fall Rally • Fellowship • Faith • Service!

You're Invited! Join the Clinton Zone LWML Fall Rally on Saturday, October 17th, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 656 Fifth Avenue South, Clinton.

8:30 AM – Registration, coffee & rolls
9:00 AM – Rally begins

Enjoy fellowship, opening devotions with Pastor Pool, and a Bible study on "The Reformation" led by Pastor Stephen Gallo. We'll also welcome our new District President, Angie Banko! Come for the fellowship, stay for the service! We hope to see you there!

Trinity Ladies Aid & Trinity Eventide Guild

RaiseRight™
GIFT CARD PROGRAM

Youth Fundraiser
Orders Due - October 18th.