

# Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

## News & Notes

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### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE - November 10<sup>rd</sup> – November 17<sup>th</sup>

#### Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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

**Hymns:** 725 712 922

**Glory Bound Choir directed by Julie Matzen; Accompanied by Connie Vickers**  
"He is a Mighty Lord"

**Bell Choir directed by Laura Swanson**  
"God of Grace and God of Gory"

**Readings:** 1 Kings 17:8-16 Revelation 3:7-13 Mark 12:38-44

**Sermon:** "Endurance"

**Praying for:** Allen Anderson, Charlotte Harroun, Rick Steward, Liz Niemann, Brad Birtell, Jill Jepsen, Norlin Mommsen, and Dick Block.

**Gifts, Tithes & Offerings for 11/3/2024**  
*To fully fund our church budget we need \$7,116.00 per week.*

	<b>Amount</b>
Simply Giving	\$ 1,045.00
Tithes & Offering	<u>\$ 5,301.00</u>
Total	\$ 6,346.00

Weekly Shortage ( \$ 770.00)

#### Attendance for the week of 11/3/2024

Wednesday Worship	
7:00 p.m.	26
Sunday Worship	
8:00 a.m.	62
10:00 a.m.	<u>61</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>149</b>



Altar flowers were given in honor of Ron & Lois Matzen's anniversary by the Matzen Family.



Grace Lutheran Church is participating in Operation Christmas Child once again. Pick up your shoebox and sign-up your selection for girl/boy on the bulletin board in the church foyer. Our goal is to fill 100 shoeboxes!

#### Current Goal Status

Shoebox Goal – 100 filled boxes  
Boxes Taken - 81

Monetary Donation Goal - \$1,600  
Donations Received - \$ 290.00

If you would like to help meet our goal, you can pick up your shoebox in the church foyer or place a monetary donation in the 'Little White Church' in the foyer. All monetary donations are used to cover the shoebox mailing (\$10/box) and the Gospel lessons included in the boxes (\$6/child).

**All shoeboxes need to be returned by November 17th.**

#### ENVELOPE CHALLENGE

The Board of Youth will be hosting an Envelope Challenge Fundraiser through November 24<sup>th</sup>. Please consider making a donation to our Youth Ministry program by taking an envelope off the bulletin board and putting cash or a check in the amount of the number printed on the front of the envelope. After putting your donation in the envelope, please place the envelope in the slot located in Kerry's office door. Proceeds will be used to help offset costs of future youth ministry activities.

#### THOSE IN SERVICE

##### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>

###### **8:00 a.m. Service**

Organist: Diana Baetke  
Elder: Scott Steffens  
Acolyte: Katie Grantz

###### **10:30 a.m. Service**

Music: Praise Band  
Elder: Duane Hansen  
Acolyte: Gavin Krukow

##### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>

###### **7:00 p.m. Service**

Organist: Tasha Becker  
Elder: Clint Albrecht

##### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>

###### **8:00 a.m. Service**

Organist: Diana Baetke  
Elder: Scott Steffens  
Acolyte: Trevor McMahon

###### **10:30 a.m. Service**

Organist: Diana Baetke  
Elder: Duane Hansen  
Acolyte: Hudson Meyers

**Greeters are needed** to extend a warm welcome to members and visitors before worship services. Please, see the sign up sheet located on the Welcome Center to volunteer your time.

# Calendar

11/10/2024	Circuit Forum @ Grace Fellowship Sunday 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Praise Worship
11/11/2024	6:00 PM Council Meeting
11/12/2024	7:00 AM Finance Board Meeting
11/13/2024	7:15 AM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM Glory Bound Choir 7:00 PM High School Bible Study 7:00 PM Wednesday Worship 7:45 PM Cantata Practice
11/14/2024	9:00 AM Tops Meeting 9:30 AM Stay Active Senior Exercise Group 1:30 PM Service @ Maggie's House
11/15/2024	Newsletter Deadline Yoga Friday - Preschool 8:00 AM Coffee & Connections
11/16/2024	Hall Rented
11/17/2024	8:00 AM Traditional Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Traditional Worship w/Communion
11/18/2024	1:00 PM 500 Card Club 7:00 PM Youth Board Meeting
11/19/2024	6:30 PM Camp Board Meeting
11/20/2024	9:00 AM Sewing Ladies 5:30 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM Glory Bound Choir 7:00 PM High School Bible Study 7:00 PM Wednesday Worship 7:45 PM Cantata Practice

## Update on Tiling Project

As many of you are aware we have a drainage issue between the buildings which is causing issues in the downstairs hallways and Sunday school rooms in the basement. The work that included in this project is to update the drainage system, reinforce the gutters, remove and replace the sidewalk, repair wall damage and replace landscaping. The estimated cost of this multi-phase project is \$21,000.00. Thank you to everyone who has donated to this project we have now raised 55% of the funds needed. If you would like to donate to this project, please label it "Tiling Project" and place it in the collection plate or in the secretaries door.

## **Altar Flowers for 2025**

Altar Flowers are a way we add beauty to the sanctuary for our worship services. Each bouquet can be purchased, "in honor of" or "in memory of" someone. We have two bouquets available each week for \$30 per arrangement. You can purchase altar flowers for a specific date by signing up using the altar flower folder on the Welcome Center. Sign up for the date you would like; indicate one arrangement or two; make a note as to what you want the News & Notes to say; then place your payment in the envelope provided in the secretary's door. The office will handle ordering the flowers.

We hope that we have flowers every week, but we know that there are Sundays when the arrangements have not been spoken for. It is these Sundays when you will not see arrangements on the altar. To assist the church in having arrangements every Sunday there is another way you can help. Donate money to our flower fund. We will then use the money in the flower fund, to cover the cost of flowers when they have not been spoken for. It is important to remember that we can only use the flower fund money when there is a balance in the flower fund account. The 2025 Altar flower sign-up sheets are available now, the cost for the flowers will remain \$30.

**Offering Envelopes for 2025** - In order to assist me in creating an accurate there is a form on the Welcome Center. If you currently have envelopes but no longer need them or if you do not have envelopes and need them I need to know. Take a moment to write your name down on the form and indicate, with a check mark, your desired change. Changes need to be given to me by November 17th.

**Thank you** to all who drop off notes of appreciation last month. All of your words mean so much to me. Thank you all for your continual love and support. Pastor Obermann



## **Thanksgiving Eve**

November 27<sup>th</sup>

7:00 p.m. Worship/Communion