Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

News & Notes

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE – October 25th – November 2nd

Reformation Sunday

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

Hymns: 645 656 955 655

Readings: *Revelation 14:6-7* *Romans 3:19-28* *John 8:31-36*

Sermon:

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

CALENDAR

10/25/2026	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship
	9:15 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship
	3:00 PM	Trunk or Treat
10/27/2026	6:00 PM	Board of Christian Education
10/28/2026	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
10/29/2026	9:00 AM	Tops Meeting
	9:30 AM	Stay Active Senior Exercise Group
11/1/2026		"Mites" Sunday
	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship w/Communion
	9:15 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship/Communion
	2:00 PM	High School Youth Group

Gifts, Tithes & Offerings for 10/18/2026. To fully fund the church budget, we need $7,929.00 per week.

Weekly Offering $ 4,475.00

Weekly Shortage $ 3,454.00

Attendance for the week of 10/18/2026

Sunday Worship

8:00 am	82
10:30 am	35
Total	**117**

Sunday School Attendance - 10/18/2026 - 19

Those in Service

Sunday, October 25th

8:00 a.m. Service
Pastor Merle Warnsholz
Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Paul Kirby
Acolyte: Ryleigh Spain

10:30 a.m. Service
Pastor Merle Warnsholz
Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Jon Betz
Acolyte: Carter Paarmann

Sunday, November 2nd

8:00 a.m. Service
Pastor Merle Warnsholz
Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Clint Albrecht
Acolyte: Adelynn Williams

10:30 a.m. Service
Pastor Merle Warnsholz
Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Scott Steffens
Acolyte: Brynlee Dies



Altar flowers were given in honor of John & Jill Gisel's 39th Wedding Anniversary.

Support Grace Preschool with Happy Joe's Coupon Cards!

Looking for a great deal while supporting our little learners? Grace Preschool is selling **Happy Joe's Coupon Cards for just $10 each!** Each card contains **over $30 in savings** and can be used at any Happy Joe's location. It's a delicious way to save while supporting Grace Preschool!

Sale Dates: October 12–25

Where to Purchase:

- Grace Lutheran Church Office, 415 10th St., DeWitt, IA
- Before church services on October 18 and October 25

Thank you for supporting Grace Preschool and helping make a difference in the lives of our youngest learners. Pick up a card for yourself or share one with a friend or family member! **Great savings, great pizza, and a great cause!**

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

send Good News and Great Joy

The Operation Christmas Child shoebox drive is still under-way. 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 the local church 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 through November 15th.

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) Build a shoebox online at the Grace Lutheran Church goal page on the Operation Christmas Child website

4) Pray for this mission, the children, churches and all those who share their love through this mission.



This year, we have the ability to **Build a Shoebox online** for those who are not able to get to the store or just don't have the time. With a $30 online donation, you can pick out items to build a shoebox, which will be sent to a child and give them the opportunity to hear the Gospel. To get started, visit the Grace Lutheran Church goal page on the Operation Christmas Child website by going to https://sampur.se/4y9hYmN or scanning the above QR code. Please contact Kristy Engelkes at 563-210-2462 if you need help or have any questions.

Please stop by the bulletin board in the church foyer for more information and to pick up a box to fill. **All shoeboxes need to be returned on or before November 15th**.

Victory Center Service Event
Thursday, November 19th

We're excited to share that our next **Victory Center Service Event** is coming up on **Thursday, November 19th**! This time, we'll be serving comforting **soup** to our guests, along with delicious sides and desserts.

To make this event a success, we're looking for volunteers to help provide:

- **5 crock pots of soup** (each enough to serve about 15 people)
- **3 desserts**
- **4 salads**
- **2 Volunteers to bring milk**
- **5 helpers** to assist with serving and cleanup

If you can contribute, whether by cooking, baking, or lending a hand, your generosity will make a big difference. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

Let's come together to share warmth, kindness, and good food with our community.

Voter's Meetings Announcement

We invite all voting members to join us for two important upcoming meetings:

- **Monday, November 2nd @ 7:00 pm** – The purpose of this meeting will be to prayerfully consider and place a Pastoral Call.

- **Monday, November 9th @ 7:00 pm** – This meeting will focus on approving the 2027 budget and electing Board Members.

Your participation is vital as we seek God's guidance and work together to serve His mission.