

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

News & Notes

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE – August 16th - August 23rd

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Hymns: 901 770 956 618 633 617 424

Readings: *Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32 Matthew 15:21-28*

Sermon: "Faith Is" – Matthew 15:21-28

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

CALENDAR

8/16/2026	RaiseRight Orders Due
8:00 AM	Pancake Breakfast
8:00 AM	Traditional Worship w/Communion
10:00 AM	Praise Worship w/Communion@ Grace Camp
2:00 PM	CLUB345 End of Summer Event
4:00 PM	Middle School End of Summer Event
8/17/2026	1:00 PM 500 Card Club
	7:00 PM Youth Board Meeting
8/18/2026	6:30 PM Camp Board Meeting
8/19/2026	5:00 PM Confirmation Orientation
8/20/2026	9:00 AM Tops Meeting
	9:30 AM Stay Active Senior Exercise Group
	4:00 PM Victory Center Service Event
	4:30 PM 3s Preschool Open House
	5:45 PM 4s Preschool Open House
8/23/2026	8:00 AM Traditional Worship
	10:00 AM Praise Worship @ Grace Camp

Gifts, Tithes & Offerings for 8/9/2026. To fully fund the church budget, we need \$7,929.00 per week.

Weekly Offering \$ 7,577.00

Weekly Shortage \$ 352.00

Attendance for the week of 8/9/2026

Sunday Worship

8:00 am 72

10:30 am 64

Total 136

Those in Service

Sunday, August 16th

8:00 a.m. Service

Pastor Merle Warnsholz

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Duane Hansen

Acolyte: Brynlee Dies

10:00 a.m. Service @ Camp

Pastor Merle Warnsholz

Music: Praise Band

Elder: Scott Steffens

Sunday, August 23rd

8:00 a.m. Service

Pastor Merle Warnsholz

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Duane Hansen

Acolyte: Emmett Rickertsen

10:00 a.m. Service @ Camp

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Altar flowers by Laura Norcross in honor of her dad, Warren's 96th Birthday.

Mission Spotlight for August - Victory Center

Total Collected to Date: \$20.00

This month, we're excited to support The Victory Center! We will be collecting hygiene items, paper products, and monetary donations to help meet their needs.

Need Hygiene Products for Men:

Toothpaste – Toothbrushes – Shampoo – Conditioner – Body Wash – Soap – Deodorant – Lotion – Floss

Paper Products & Supplies:

Paper Towels – Napkins – Plastic Silverware – Gallon & Quart size Storage Bags – Aluminum Foil –

Fabuloso Professional All Purpose Cleaner – Degreaser (Lavendar) – Kitchen Washcloths & Towels – 40-50 Gallon Trash Bags

Item Donations: Please place hygiene and paper products in the tote located in the foyer.

Monetary Donations: Place all financial gifts in the wooden box near the display.

Your generosity will make a real difference—thank you for helping us bless The Victory Center this month!



Victory Center Meal – Our next Victory Center meal will be served on Thursday, August 20, and we need your help! We need two more pasta dishes, two more dessert dishes, and two more people to help serve the meal. If you can help, please sign up on the donation sheet located at the Welcome Center.

RaiseRight™ GIFT CARD PROGRAM	Youth Fundraiser Orders Due TODAY

Confirmation Classes

Grace offers a three-year program for students in 6th, 7th & 8th grades. If you have a student in one of these grades, please contact the church office to let us know they will be attending classes beginning this September. Orientation will be held on Wednesday, August 19th @ 5:00 pm here at church. A letter with more information will be sent out in early August.

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 service on **Sunday, September 13th**. Please contact Mark Sperry with any questions.

Looking Ahead to Next Year's Sunday School

As we prepare for the upcoming Sunday School year, we're excited to share two meaningful opportunities to serve:

Sunday School Superintendent - We're looking for a compassionate and well-organized individual to help lead, coordinate, and support our Sunday School ministry. This important role helps ensure that our program runs smoothly while creating an environment where our children can learn, grow, and nurture their faith.

Responsibilities include:

- Leading openings with assistance from the DCE
- Distributing and collecting classroom attendance sheets and offering

- Providing classroom support for teachers
- Assisting with children as needed

A/V Volunteer - We are also looking for a volunteer to run the sound and visual equipment during openings. This is a great opportunity for someone who enjoys working with technology and would like to support our Sunday School ministry in a behind-the-scenes role.

If you feel called to serve in either of these roles, or would like to learn more, please reach out to Mark Sperry at msperry@gracedewitt.org or 563-659-9153. Your gifts and talents and willingness to serve can make a big difference in the lives of our children!