

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

News & Notes

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE - August 24th—August 31st

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Setting: Divine Service, Setting 4 beginning on page 203

Hymns: 915 516 851

Readings: *Isaiah 66:18-23 Hebrew 12:4-24 Luke 13:22-30*

Sermon: "Narrow Minded" - *Luke 13:23-24*

Praying for: Allen Anderson, Liz Niemann, Brad Birtell, Jill Jepsen, Dick Block, Kathi Lieving, Elaine Schoening, Mark Sperry, Angie Hill, David Edens, and David & Jeremy Thomas.



Altar flowers were given in honor of Paul & Kathi Lieving's granddaughter, Allison, who will be attending a Mission trip this month. May God provide blessings and guidance on her journey.

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 worship service on Sunday, September 28th. Please contact Mark Sperry with any questions.

CLUB345 Back-2-School Party

Attention all incoming 3rd, 4th & 5th graders. Please join us Sunday, August 24th from 2pm – 3:30pm for our Back-2-School Party. We will meet at the G*Y*M Building at Grace Camp. Please R.S.V.P. to msperry@gracedewitt.org if your child is planning to attend.

Back-2-School Bash

Attention all incoming 6th-12th graders. Make plans now to join us on Sunday, August 24th from 4 pm – 6 pm for our annual Back-2-School Bash. There will be food, fun & games. We hope to see you there as we say goodbye to Summer and welcome a new school year. To make sure we have enough food, please RSVP to Mr. Sperry at msperry@gracedewitt.org.

Grace Camp will once again be hosting the Concordia Christian Education Retreat, September 12-14th. They are expecting around 60 students in attendance. We are asking for food donations to help feed them while they visit. There is a complete list of items needed on the table in the foyer. We ask that all donations be in the church basement by noon on Thursday, September 11th.

Gifts, Tithes & Offerings for 08/17/2025
To fully fund our church budget we need \$7,481.00 per week.

	Amount
Simply Giving	\$ 1,071.00
Tithes & Offering	\$ 3,733.00
Total	\$ 4,804.00

Weekly Shortage \$ 2,677.00

Attendance for the week of 8/17/2025

Sunday Worship

8:00 a.m.	75
10:00 a.m.	70
Total	145

THOSE IN SERVICE SUNDAY, AUGUST 24th

8:00 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Duane Hansen
Acolyte: Zack Yutesler

10:00 a.m. Service

Music: Praise Band
Elder: Scott Steffens

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31st

8:00 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Duane Hansen
Acolyte: Gavin Birt

10:00 a.m. Service

Music: Praise Band
Elder: Scott Steffens



Calendar

8/24/2025	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship @ Church
	10:00 AM	Praise Worship @ Grace Camp
	2:00 PM	CLUB345 Back-2-School Event
	4:00 PM	Back-2-School Bash
8/25/2025	4:50 PM	3s Open House
	5:45 PM	4s Open House
	6:30 PM	Board of Christian Education
8/27/2025		Preschool Starts for 4s
8/28/2025	9:00 AM	Tops Meeting
	9:30 AM	Stay Active Senior Exercise Group
8/31/2025	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship w/Communion
	10:00 AM	Praise Worship w/Communion@ Grace Camp

SENIOR HIGH DISTRICT GATHERING

The Iowa District West sponsored youth gathering will be held November 21st-23rd in Des Moines. This is open to all 9th-12th graders. Registration forms are available now. Please stop by Mr. Sperry's office to pick one up. The cost per person is **\$250**, which covers four meals, two nights' lodging, a t-shirt and all programming costs. Completed forms and payment are due by September 14th. Please contact DCE Mark Sperry if you have any questions.

Referral Center Donations

We will continue to collect monthly donations for the Referral Center as the need is great. The referral center can always use kid friendly cereal, Ramen noodles, canned fruit, canned vegetables, toothpaste, and shampoo. All donations can be left in the shopping cart located in the foyer.

Victory Center - We will be hosting a Victory Center Meal on September 18th. We need volunteers to prepare maid-rites; bring salads, buns, milk and desserts; and volunteers to help serve and deliver the food. The sign-up sheet is located on the Welcome Center.

Sunday School (3-years—12th Grade) and Confirmation (6th-8th Grade) registration is open. If you have a child that will be attending one of these classes we ask that you register online at www.gracedewitt.org.

If your have a child attending Confirmation & Sunday School you must complete both registrations. Please contact the church office with any questions.

Substitute Teachers Needed

Do you have time to volunteer on Sunday morning? There may be a time on a Sunday that one of our teachers is unable to be at Sunday school. We are looking to add a few more contacts to our Sunday School sub list. If you are interested in being a sub on a Sunday, please contact Kerry or Mark at the church office (659-9153).

The **Sewing Ladies** are needing donations of sheets, any size, which will be used to make quilts. Donations can be left on the stage in Grace Hall.

LWML is collecting items to complete School Kits for Lutheran World Relief. They are requesting, blunt safety scissors, #2 pencils (unsharpened), pencil sharpeners, notebooks, and blue/black ballpoint ink pens (no gel), and 16 or 24 package of crayons. Donations can be left on the table in the foyer.

Please Join Us!

Connect & Reconnect Women's Social

August 28th
6:30pm
Grace Hall

ALL women are welcome!
Enjoy desserts, dialogue
and a devotion.

Questions?
Call or text 563-593-2393

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Classes begin Wednesday, September 3rd. We meet from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm each Wednesday here at church. If you have a student in 6th, 7th or 8th grades, please contact the church office to get them registered.