

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

News & Notes

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE - August 31st—September 7th

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Setting: Divine Service, Setting 4 beginning on page 203

Hymns: 837 842 636 685 850

Readings: Proverbs 25:5-10 Hebrews 13:1-17 Luke 14:1-14

Sermon: "Excuses, Excuses" - Luke 14:13-14

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, Randy Lange, Lize Niemann, and Barb Wold.

We lift up Rev. Ratcliffe, his family, and the congregation of St. Paul's Lutheran, as he prayerfully considers his two Calls. We pray that both congregations take comfort in knowing the God has a plan for us all.

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 08/24/2025
To fully fund our church budget we need \$7,481.00 per week.

	Amount
Simply Giving	\$ 1,245.00
Tithes & Offering	\$ 6,937.00
Total	\$ 8,182.00

Attendance for the week of 8/24/2025

Sunday Worship

8:00 a.m.	71
10:00 a.m.	65
Total	136

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th

8:00 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Clint Albrecht
Acolyte: Brady Dies

10:00 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Scott Havener
Acolyte: Leo Hill



Altar flowers this morning were given in honor of Matt Barry.

We will be hosting a Meet & Greet for Rev. Ratcliffe and his wife on Sunday, September 7th in between worship services. Please, join us in Grace Hall for a Coffee Fellowship.

Fall Worship Times begin Sunday, Sep. 7th

Sunday Worship

8:00 AM @ Grace Church
10:30 AM @ Grace Church

Sunday, Sept. 14th - One Service @ 10:00am

Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

Sunday, September 21st @ 9:15 a.m.

Landscaping Help—Please mark your calendar for September 7th at 1pm. We will be installing the new land-scaping around the church and could use your help.

MEET, GREET & EAT

FUTURE CHURCH WORKERS,
FROM CONCORDIA.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 13th
AT GRACE CAMP.

BREAKFAST @ 8AM
PANCAKE BREAKFAST

LUNCH @ NOON
TACO-IN-A-BAG

DINNER @ 6PM
HAMBURGERS & HOT DOGS

PLEASE COME HELP SERVE A MEAL &
SPEND TIME IN FELLOWSHIP WITH THE FUTURE
CHURCH WORKERS FROM CONCORDIA.

Calendar

8/31/2025	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship w/Comm
	10:00 AM	Praise Worship w/Comm@ Camp
9/1/2025		Office & Preschool Closed
9/2/2025	6:00 PM	Board of Discipleship
	6:30 PM	Elders Meeting
9/3/2025	5:30 PM	Confirmation
9/4/2025		Preschool - A&B Together
	9:00 AM	Tops Meeting
	9:30 AM	Stay Active Senior Exercise Group
9/7/2025		"Mites" Sunday
	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship w/Comm
	9:00 AM	Meet & Greet in Grace Hall



*Join Us! For Our
100 Year Celebration!*

**Sunday, September 14th
10:00 am for a Worship Service**

Celebration meal to follow in Grace Hall

Members are asked to bring a side dish
according to their last name.

Vegetables (A-J)
Salads (K-Z)

Each dish should serve at least 15 people.
Main dish and dessert will be provided.

LWML will be collecting MITES on Sunday, September 7th. If you would like to help support the LCMS with their mission projects you can place your donation inside the box located in the Narthex. Thank you for your support of LWML and the missions of the LCMS.

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.

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.

Women's Bible Study

**Sunday mornings at 9:15 am,
Starting September 21st
In Grace Hall.**

Join us for coffee, fellowship &
a study of "Promised Hope" with
the author, Michelle Diercks.



Class - God Connects

Everyone at some point, asks the question, "God are You there?" It can come at moments of reflection or in times of deep despair. "God, if You are there, why don't You show Yourself to me?" In this confusing world where authenticity is so elusive, it sometimes seems like we cannot connect to God.

On our own we cannot connect to God, but the good news is that God connects with us. He has been doing this from the beginning in amazing ways. This Bible Class will share the story of how God connects with us.