

# Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

## News & Notes

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### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE – July 19<sup>th</sup>–July 26<sup>th</sup>

#### Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

**Setting:** Divine Service, Setting 3, beginning on page 184

**Hymns:** 794 576 680 629 637 750

**Readings:** *Isaiah 44:6-8 Romans 8:18-27 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43*

**Sermon:**

**Praying For:** Allen Anderson, Brad Birtell, Dick Block, David Edens, Scott McBride, Betsy Henningsen, Mary Krapf, Matthew Soenksen, John Gisel, and Jill Gisel.

## CALENDAR

|           |                                                 |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 7/19/2026 | Hall Rental                                     |
|           | 8:00 AM Pancake Breakfast                       |
|           | 8:00 AM Traditional Worship w/Communion         |
|           | 10:00 AM Praise Worship w/Communion@ Grace Camp |
| 7/20/2026 | 1:00 PM 500 Card Club                           |
|           | 7:00 PM Youth Board Meeting                     |
| 7/21/2026 | 6:30 PM Camp Board Meeting                      |
| 7/23/2026 | Summer Camp Food Donations Due                  |
|           | 9:00 AM Tops Meeting                            |
|           | 9:30 AM Stay Active Senior Exercise Group       |
| 7/26/2026 | 8:00 AM Traditional Worship                     |
|           | 10:00 AM Praise Worship @ Grace Camp            |
|           | 5:00 PM Summer Camp - Counselor Training        |

### Summer Camp Cookie Donations Needed!

We are excited to welcome more than **165 campers and counselors** to Summer Camp this year! Each evening, the campers enjoy cookies as a special snack, and we need your help to make sure there are plenty to go around.

If you would like to bake or purchase cookies for camp, please have them at the church **by Noon on Thursday, July 23**. Sign up on the sheet in the church foyer or at the table at camp.

**For the safety of all our campers, please do not use any nuts, including peanut butter, in the cookies.** Thank you for helping us provide a fun and safe camp experience for everyone!

Gifts, Tithes & Offerings for 7/12/2026. To fully fund the church budget, we need \$7,929.00 per week.

Weekly Offering \$ 9,136.00

### Attendance for the week of 7/12/2026

#### Sunday Worship

|              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| 8:00 am      | 64         |
| 10:30 am     | 86         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>150</b> |

#### Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>

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

**Pastor Merle Warnsholz**

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Clint Albrecht

Acolyte: Kennick Meyer

##### 10:00 a.m. Service @ Camp

**Pastor Merle Warnsholz**

Music: Praise Band

Elder: Aaron Meyers & Lucas Rickertsen

#### Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>

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

**Pastor Merle Warnsholz**

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Clint Albrecht

Acolyte: Adelynn Williams

##### 10:00 a.m. Service @ Camp

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Music: Praise Band

Elder: Aaron Meyers & Lucas Rickertsen



Altar flowers were in honor of Kim & Scott Steffens' 45<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

### Food Donations Still Needed

If you're unable to volunteer your time, you can still make a big difference! We still have many items on our food donation sign-up sheets that need to be filled. Please stop by the sign-up table in the church foyer or at the Outdoor Worship area to sign up or contact the church office. Last day to sign up is July 19<sup>th</sup>. All food donations need to arrive at church by Noon on Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

FREE WILL OFFERING

Grace Lutheran Camp

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

at Grace Camp Pavilion

**Join Us!**

**Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>**

Serving from 8 to 11:30

PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS NEW APPLIANCES FOR THE RETREAT CENTERS.

Grace Camp, 2675 242nd St, De Witt, IA 52742

## Summer Camp

### Volunteers Needed!

**Summer Camp is just around the corner, and we're busy making the final preparations for another wonderful week! We need your help to make camp a fun, safe, and faith-filled experience for all of our campers.**

### Kitchen Help Needed

Volunteers are needed to assist with food preparation for breakfast, lunch, and dinner throughout camp. If you are available to help in the kitchen, contact Mary Garlough or the church office.

### Meal Servers Needed

If you're unable to help with food preparation but would still like to volunteer, we can always use extra hands serving meals. Meal servers are asked to arrive at the camp pavilion 15 minutes before each meal.

### Serving Times

- **Monday & Tuesday Lunch:**  
Noon (arrive by 11:45 a.m.)
- **Monday & Tuesday Dinner:**  
5:30 p.m. (arrive by 5:15 p.m.)

### Registration Volunteers Needed

We are also looking for volunteers to help with camper registration on Monday, July 27. Registration begins at 10:00 a.m., and volunteers should arrive at the camp pavilion by 9:30 a.m. If you can help with registration, contact Kerry at the church office.

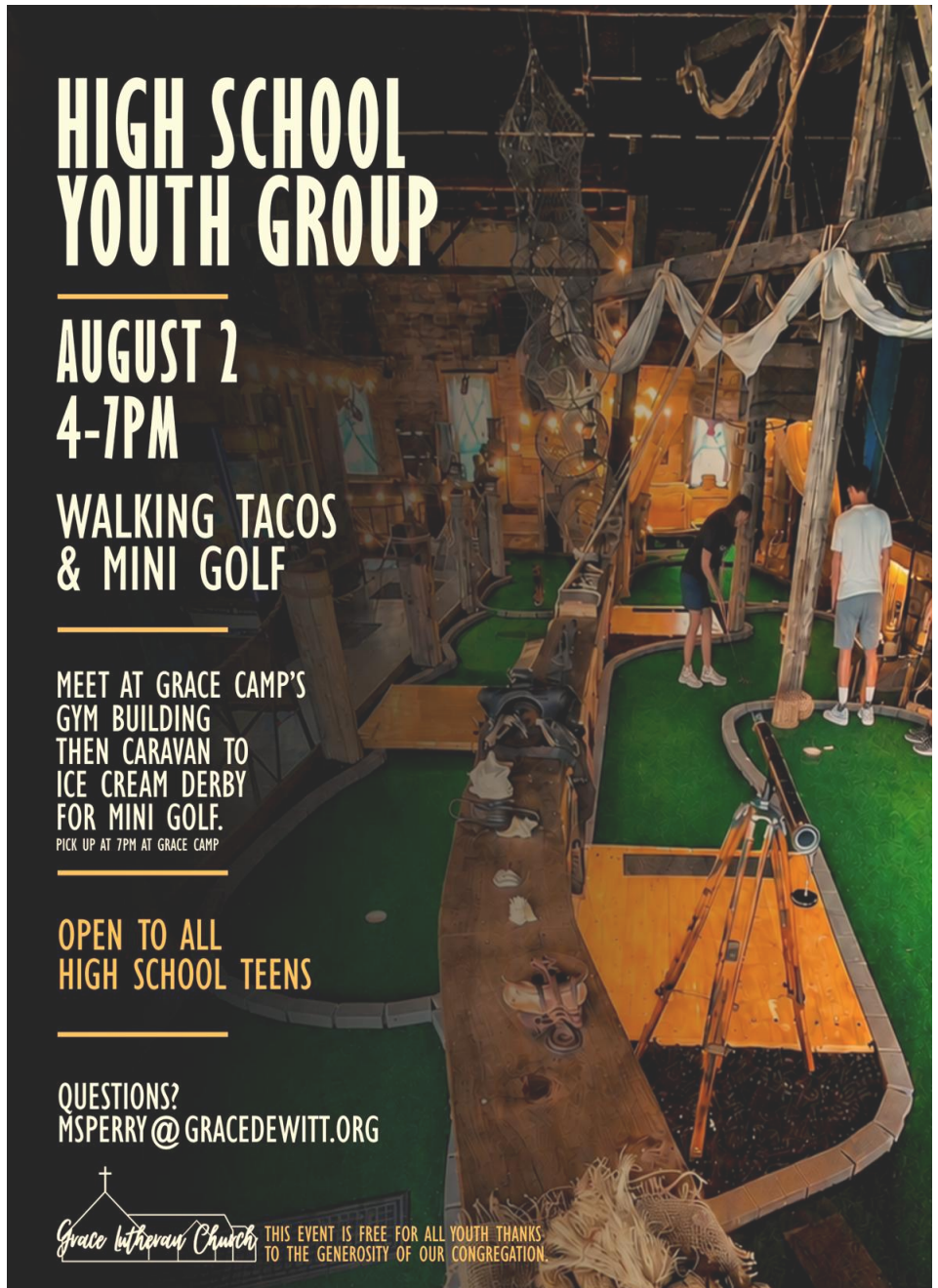
Thank you for sharing your time, talents, and generosity. Your willingness to serve helps make Summer Camp a memorable, safe, and faith-filled experience for every camper. We couldn't do it without our amazing volunteers!

## Introduction to the Bible

If you have a student who is entering 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Mark Sperry with any questions.

## Confirmation Classes

Grace offers a three-year program for students in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm here at church. A letter with more information will be sent out in early August.



**HIGH SCHOOL  
YOUTH GROUP**

**AUGUST 2  
4-7PM**

**WALKING TACOS  
& MINI GOLF**

MEET AT GRACE CAMP'S  
GYM BUILDING  
THEN CARAVAN TO  
ICE CREAM DERBY  
FOR MINI GOLF.  
PICK UP AT 7PM AT GRACE CAMP

**OPEN TO ALL  
HIGH SCHOOL TEENS**

QUESTIONS?  
[MSPERRY@GRACEDEWITT.ORG](mailto:MSPERRY@GRACEDEWITT.ORG)

*Grace Lutheran Church* THIS EVENT IS FREE FOR ALL YOUTH THANKS  
TO THE GENEROSITY OF OUR CONGREGATION.