Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

News & Notes



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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE – September 20th - September 27th

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Hymns: 688 716 738 637 629 731

Readings: *Isaiah 55:6-9* *Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30* *Matthew 20:1-16*
Sermon: "Grace is Not Fair – And Thanks Be to God"

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

We offer our prayers and condolences to the families of Dick Stevens and Arwin Petersen whom the Lord called to Himself last week.

CALENDAR

9/20/2026	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship w/Communion
	9:15 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship/Communion
9/21/2026	1:00 PM	500 Card Club
	7:00 PM	Youth Board Meeting
9/23/2026	5:30 PM	Confirmation
	7:00 PM	Grace Choir
	7:00 PM	High School Bible Study
9/24/2026	9:00 AM	Tops Meeting
	9:30 AM	Stay Active Senior Exercise Group
	6:30 PM	Women Wine & the Word
9/27/2026	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship
	9:15 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship

Gifts, Tithes & Offerings for 9/13/2026. To fully fund the church budget, we need $7,929.00 per week.

Weekly Offering $ 7,564.00

Weekly Shortage: $ 365.00

Attendance for the week of 9/13/2026
Sunday Worship

8:00 am	152
10:30 am	87
Total	**239**

Sunday School Attendance - 9/13/2026 - 21

Those in Service

Sunday, September 20th
8:00 a.m. Service
Pastor Merle Warnsholz
Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Alan Ruggeberg
Acolyte: Collin Oliver/Graham Gibson

10:30 a.m. Service
Pastor Merle Warnsholz
Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Aaron Myers & Lucas Rickertsen
Acolyte: Carter Paarmann

Sunday, September 27th
8:00 a.m. Service
Pastor Merle Warnsholz
Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Alan Ruggeberg
Acolyte: Adelynn Williams

10:30 a.m. Service
Pastor Merle Warnsholz
Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Aaron Myers & Lucas Rickertsen
Acolyte: Brynlee Dies

SEPTEMBER MISSION SPOTLIGHT - EIGHT DAYS OF HOPE

Serving as the hands and feet of Christ by providing light in the face of darkness and restoration in the face of destruction. Eight Days of Hope is a Christian, nonprofit organization that responds to disasters across the country. Their teams help rebuild homes, communities, and lives while sharing Christ's love and hope with those who are hurting.

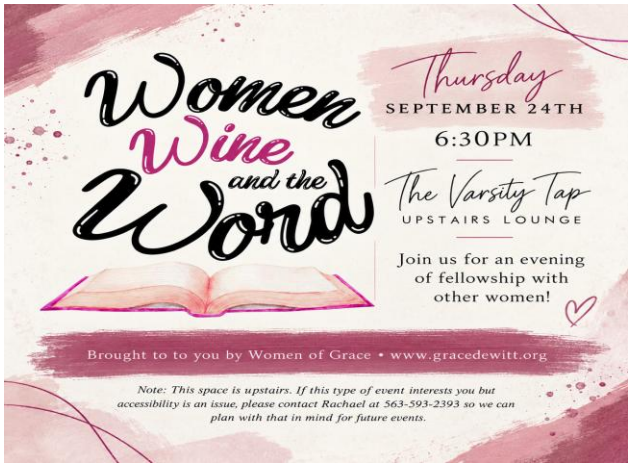
YOU CAN HELP! This month, we will be collecting financial donations to support the mission of Eight Days of Hope. Donations may be placed in the wooden donation box located on the table in the foyer. **Donations will be collected through September 27th.**

Together, we can bring hope, healing, and restoration to those in need. Thank you for helping us be the hands and feet of Christ!

To date we have collected $40 to be sent to this mission.



Altar flowers were given in loving memory of Mary Goddard and Vince Schwenk.



Pies & Dessert Bakers

October 11th will be here before you know it! We need volunteers to make pies and desserts for **OctoberFeast**. Sign-up sheets are located on the table in the foyer. Thank you for helping make this special event a success!

Tickets On Sale Now!

You can purchase your tickets for **OctoberFeast** on Sundays before or after worship service, or stop by the church office during the week.

- **Adults:** $15 in advance | $17 at the door
- **Children (5-10):** $5

We hope you'll join us for OctoberFeast!

Be the First Smile They See!

Do you have a friendly smile and a heart for making people feel at home? We're looking for **Greeters** to extend a warm welcome to members and visitors before our worship services.

Greeters help set the tone for a joyful, welcoming atmosphere — and it only takes a few minutes of your time! Please arrive **20 minutes before the service** to greet with a smile, a handshake, or a kind word.

Sign up today on the sheet located on the Welcome Center and be part of making someone's Sunday extra special!



Victory Center Service Event – October 15th

Thank you to everyone who helped make our September Victory Center meal a success through food, service, and prayer!

Our next meal is Thursday, October 15th, serving up to 40 guests. Volunteers are needed for:

Main Dishes – 5 | Salads/Sides – 4 | Desserts – 3 | Milk – 2 | Delivery & Serving – 5

Please consider sharing your time and talents. Men are especially encouraged to help with delivery and serving!
Food must be at church by 4:00 PM on October 15th.

Thank you for helping us share God's love through service!

DeWitt Community Hospital Auxiliary is hosting MADE-RIGHT MADNESS
Thurs. Sept. 24th 11 – 1pm
MercyOne Genesis Hospital Parking Lot
Free-Will Donation
(sandwich, chips, cookie/apple, water)

A Message from the Call Committee

Over the past year, the Call Committee has been diligently reviewing information about potential pastors, conducting interviews, and working toward scheduling a voters' meeting to extend a call.

As of September 15, our congregation remains in vacancy. The Call Committee will continue gathering names, reviewing candidates, and conducting interviews with the hope of holding a voters' meeting in the near future.

If you know of a pastor who may be a good fit for our congregation, you can help with the selection process by completing a Pastor Nomination Form. Once completed, the form may be placed in the office door slot or given directly to Steve Butler.

In the meantime, please keep the members of the Call Committee in your prayers as they carry out this important responsibility. Please also pray that God will guide us to the pastor He has chosen to serve our congregation.

We trust in God's timing and in His plan for us. As we are reminded in Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord.