

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

News & Notes

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE – August 23rd - August 30th

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Hymns: 576 645 956 802

Readings: *Isaiah 51:1-6 Romans 11:33-12:8 Matthew 16:13-20*

Sermon: "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly" – Matthew 16:15-16

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

CALENDAR

8/23/2026	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship
	10:00 AM	Praise Worship @ Grace Camp
8/24/2026		4s Preschool First Day - Group A
8/25/2026		4s Preschool First Day Group B
	6:00 PM	Board of Christian Education
8/27/2026	9:00 AM	Tops Meeting
	9:30 AM	Stay Active Senior Exercise Group
8/30/2026	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship w/Communion
	10:00 AM	Praise Worship w/Communion@ Grace Camp
8/31/2026		3s MWF Class Starts
		4s Preschool All Together
	6:00 PM	Discipleship Meeting

Gifts, Tithes & Offerings for 8/16/2026. To fully fund the church budget, we need \$7,929.00 per week.

Weekly Offering \$ 4,985.00

Weekly Shortage: \$ 2,944.00

Attendance for the week of 8/16/2026

Sunday Worship

8:00 am 67

10:30 am 55

Total 122

Those in Service

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

Pastor Merle Warnsholz

Music: Praise Band

Elder: Scott Steffens

Sunday, August 30th

8:00 a.m. Service

Pastor Merle Warnsholz

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Duane Hansen

Acolyte: Ryleigh Spain

10:00 a.m. Service @ Camp

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Altar flowers were given in honor of Sandy & Allen Anderson's anniversary.

Mission Spotlight for August - Victory Center

Total Collected to Date: \$ 50.00

Supporting The Victory Center

This month, we're excited to support **The Victory Center!** We will be collecting **hygiene items, paper products, and other needed supplies** to help meet their needs. A list can be found in your August Newsletter as well as on the table in the foyer.

Monetary donations are also welcome. Donations may be placed in the **wooden box on the display table.**

Your generosity will make a real difference in the lives of those served by The Victory Center. **Thank you for helping us bless the Victory Center!**

Concordia University Students Visiting

We are excited to welcome students from Concordia University to Grace Camp on September 11–13!

To help provide meals and snacks for the students during their stay, we are asking for donations of fruit, cereal, chips, water, milk, cookies, and breakfast items.

If you are able to help, please sign up on the donation sheets located on the table in the church foyer. All donated items should be brought to the church by Thursday, September 10, at noon.



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

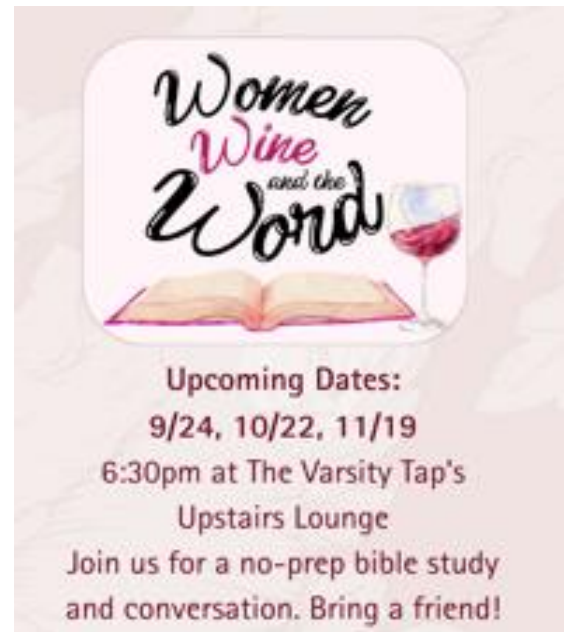
A/V Volunteer - We are also looking for a volunteer to run the sound and visual equipment during openings. This is a great opportunity for someone who enjoys working with technology and would like to support our Sunday School ministry in a behind-the-scenes role.

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!

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, canned fruit, Ranch dressing, BBQ sauce, dish soap, peanut butter, Jell-O, pudding, and so much more. All donations can be left in the shopping cart located in the foyer.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



The 2026 Altar Flower calendar is on the Welcome Center. Bouquets can be donated in honor of or in memory of persons or events. Each bouquet is \$30, with two bouquets available each week. Please sign up for your preferred dates and place your payment in the secretary's door. You may purchase one or both bouquets.

The following dates are available:
October 4th, 18th
November 8th, 22nd, 29th

LCMSYG2028 Meeting

Attention all incoming 7th – 11th graders. Please join us **Sunday, September 13th** at 11:45 am for an informational meeting about the 2028 LCMS Youth Gathering. We will meet in Grace Hall here at church. If you can't attend this meeting but are interested in attending the 2028 gathering, please let Mr. Sperry know.