

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

News & Notes

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Office Hours M-Th 8:00 a.m.-4:30 pm., Friday 8:00 a.m.-Noon

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE—August 30th— September 6th

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Preacher: Pastor Brad A. Brown

Liturgist: Pastor Timothy J. Carr

Liturgy: Divine Service Setting 3 pg 184

Hymns: 579 850 712 v1,3 711 617
 610 685

Scripture Lessons: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9
 Ephesians 6:10-20
 Mark 7: 14-23

Sermon: “Empty” Mark 7:14-23
 [Jesus] called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

THOSE IN SERVICE SUNDAY, AUGUST 30TH

8:30 a.m. Service
 Organist: Diana Baetke
 Elder: Scott Havener
 Ushers: Randy Lange
 Gary Smith,
 Randalle Cross
 Acolyte: Mitchell Kirby
 Chancel Care:
 Cheryl Kauffman
 Agnes Roseland
 A/V: Nancy Haney

OUTDOOR WORSHIP
10:00 a.m. Service
 Music: Praise Band
 Elder: Kevin Becker

Fall Worship Schedule begins September 2nd.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP @ CHURCH
7:00 p.m. Service
 Organist: Diana Baetke
 Elder: Carvel Van Meter
 Acolyte: Miranda Presson

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

8:30 a.m. Service
 Organist: Catherine Carr
 Elder: Lauren Hansen
 Ushers: Paul Kirby
 Nancy & Joey Spain
 Troy Paarmann
 Lector: Kaitlyn Ketelsen
 Acolyte: Jolene Sanger
 A/V: Rich Matzen

Praise Worship
11:00 a.m. Service
 Music: Praise Band
 Elder: John Hansen
 Lector: Michael Carr
 Acolyte: Kennedy Struck

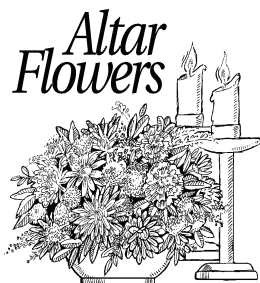


The G.Y.M. Building Dedication Ceremony

will take place after the 10:00 a.m. Worship service. All are asked to meet in front of the G.Y.M. Building.



The Church Picnic is today at 12:15 p.m., please join us for fellowship, food and fun.



Altar flowers were placed by Joan & Fred Smith in thankfulness for their 58 years of marriage on September 2nd and by Sandy & Allen Anderson in thankfulness of their 48 years of marriage on September 2nd.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, 8/30

8:30 a.m. Worship/Communion @ Church

10:00 a.m. Praise Worship/Communion @ Camp followed by the G.Y.M. Building Dedication

12:15 p.m. Church Picnic @ Camp Pavilion

Monday, 8/31

6:30 p.m. Elder's Meeting

6:30 p.m. Summer Camp Meeting

6:30 p.m. Midweek Planning Meeting

Tuesday, 9/1

7:00 a.m. Bible Study/ Lee Schmidt

6:30 p.m. Board of Christian Ed.

Wednesday, 9/2

6:00 p.m. Confirmation Orientation 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade

7:00 p.m. Worship/Communion @ Church

Thursday, 9/3

2:00 p.m. Prayer Service

Sunday, 9/6 "MITES" Sunday

7:30 a.m. Bible Class

8:30 a.m. Worship/Communion

9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

11:00 a.m. Praise Worship/Communion

Monday, 9/7 Labor Day

Office Closed

No Preschool

Tuesday, 9/8

9:00 a.m. Esther Circle Bible Study @ Ruth Schroeder's

9:00—1:00 p.m. Pastors' Meeting in Lowden

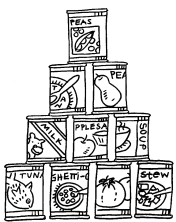
Wednesday, 9/9 NO PRESCHOOL

5:30 p.m. FaithWeaver Friends & Confirmation

7:00 p.m. Worship/Communion @ Church

7:45 p.m. Glory Bound Choir

September is Referral Center Month.



FOOD DRIVE

Donations can be brought to the church beginning September 1st and left on the table in the foyer.

Items needed include—Hamburger Helper, Canned Vegetables & Fruit, Soup, Paper Products and Toiletries.

HIS GREAT LOVE our response for 8/23/2009

In our Gifts, Tithes & Offerings

Goal

General Fund	\$ 6,243.00	\$7,200.00
Sunday Basket	17.00	140.00
Capital Improvements	70.00	
Grace Lutheran Camp	4.00	
Grace Camp Basket	79.00	
	\$ 6,413.00	

GENERAL FUND BUDGET NEEDS \$ 7,340.00 EACH WEEK

Received to Date \$ 229,069.63

Surplus/Deficit for 2009 \$ -20,490.37

Attendance for week ending August 26th

In worship	Actual	Goal
Prayer Service	31	35
Sunday Worship		
8:30 a.m.	128	175
10:00 a.m.	107	150
Wednesday	37	40
Total	303	400

DO YOU LIKE TO HAVE FUN WHILE SINGING PRAISES TO YOUR LORD? Then the senior choir at Grace needs YOU! If you are in high school or older, you are welcome to become a member of the Glory Bound Choir!!

We meet every Wednesday in the church balcony at 7:45 pm for our rehearsals! We would LOVE for you to join us! You **DO NOT** have to be a soloist to sing with us! If you just love to sing, even a little bit, Glory Bound choir is for you! This will be my seventh season as the choir director, and I have to say that we just keep gettin' better and better! I love this group and so will you!

Our first rehearsal is

Wednesday, September 9th at 7:45 p.m. upstairs in the church balcony!

If you have any questions, please give Julie Matzen, the choir director, a call – 563-249-6702!

Come give it a try---YOU'LL LOVE IT!



Needed: Sunday School Teacher for the 4-year Old Class. If interested contact Steve Butler @ 659-0813.

Mission Statement: In grateful response to God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacraments, the mission of Grace Ev. Lutheran Church is to make known the love of Christ by word and deed within our church, communities and world.

<i>Fall</i>									
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Schedule									

Our Fall Worship Schedule will begin on Wednesday, September 2, 2009. Please make note of service time changes and locations.

Wednesday Service
7:00 p.m. at Church

Sunday Services Include:

Traditional Worship
8:30 a.m. at Church

Praise Worship
11:00 a.m. at Church

Confirmation Orientation for 6th, 7th and 8th grades will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 2nd. Classes begin on September 9th at 5:30 p.m.

FaithWeaver Friends, our midweek program designed for preschool through 5th grade, will begin September 9th at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class begin on September 6th at 9:45 a.m.

**Pastor's GRACE HALL BIBLE CLASS
SUNDAYS THIS FALL
7:30—8:15 a.m. & 9:45 – 10:40 a.m.**

**Hope you'll join us.....
Begins September 6, 2009**

A LONGER LOOK AT THE LESSONS

Join Pastor and your fellow members and friends as we delve deeper into each week's three Scripture readings with **A Longer Look at the Lessons**. This Bible study based on the lectionary in **Lutheran Service Book** (our hymnal) provides information about the readings and their contexts. A look at Greek or Hebrew words or phrases is sometimes included. Questions and answers mine the riches of the pericopes (appointed scripture lessons) while encouraging class discussion and personal application.

This study examines the readings for the Sundays of Year B (September – November). Based on the new three-year lectionary found in **Lutheran Service Book**, it uses ESV (English Standard Version) text exclusively.

This will be a great Bible Class for those who cannot attend each week since the lessons are tied to the Sunday Services and not to a sequential series of lessons.

The lessons will be handed out week by week – and additional copies will be made available for those who wish to study the lessons at home.

First Weeks Lesson now available at the Welcome Center.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University

A Financial Peace University FREE Preview class will be held on Sunday, September 6, 2009 in Meeting Room 2 beginning at 9:30 AM. This is a great opportunity to check out what this course is all about before committing to it. Actual classes will begin the following Sunday, same time-same place. Registration can be made at the preview meeting or through the church office by calling 659-9153. Cost for the 13 week course is \$100 per married or engaged couple, or single participant. Additional information about the course can be found at <http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/home/> or you may contact Becky Hansen evenings at 659-9293. There is no need to register for the preview class.

Financial Peace University consists of a 13-week video curriculum taught by financial expert Dave Ramsey that incorporates small-group discussions to encourage accountability and discipleship. Most financial programs are boring, with confusing information and monotonous instructors. Financial Peace is very different! It is highly entertaining for everyone, with a unique combination of humor, informative financial advice, and biblical messages.

The program is a biblically based accountability curriculum that will teach people to manage God's money and resources in a godly way. It empowers them to make the right financial decisions to achieve their financial goals, teaching them to eliminate debt, build wealth, and give like never before. On average, families reduce their debt by \$5,300 and save \$2,700 in just 91 days. Couples learn how to communicate about money, budgeting, spending, and saving and get on the same page about their finances.



STILL NEEDED - VOLUNTEERS FOR FAITH WEAVER FRIENDS - Our first year of FaithWeaver

Friends was deemed a success by the kids and the volunteers. We are still in need of additional volunteers for this coming year's program. We need people who can help weekly as Circle Leaders for an age group (preschool, kindergarten - 2nd grade, 3rd - 5th grade). We also need one or two people to lead the Games station, which would be a bi-weekly commitment. **FaithWeaver Friends will begin on September 9 and takes place each Wednesday night, 5:30 - 6:45.** Please contact Kristy Engelkes at 285-5573 or the church office if you would like to help with this awesome program for the 2009-2010 school year.

YOUTH NEWS

**Picture Scavenger Hunt
September 20, 2009
1:30-4:30 p.m.**

**JR. VARSITY
September 13th
6:30 p.m.
Grace Camp**

**VARSIITY
September 27th
6:30 p.m.
Grace Camp**

It's time for the Junior Varsity and Varsity Teams to work together to show how well you know the town of DeWitt and how creative you can be in completing the items listed on the Picture Scavenger Hunt.

Meet at the Grace Church parking lot at 1:30 pm. Bring your digital camera with you if you have one and then set off with your team to see how many of the items on the list you can find. The Scavenger Hunt will end at Hall of Fame Pizza, where we will determine the winning team and share some food in DeWitt's newest pizza place. Parents can pick up at Hall of Fame at 4:30 pm.

Bring your friends, and \$2.00 to help cover the cost of the pizza and pop. Can't wait to see you there.

1. About A Bible Which Guides and Frees You
2. About A Savior Who Saves You
3. About A Spirit Who Converts You
4. About A Washing Which Cleanses You
5. About A Meal Which Feeds You
6. About a Devotional Life Which Blesses You
7. About Keys Which Lock and Unlock
8. About A Stewardship Which Is Fully Committed
10. About a Life Which Never Ends

“ I HAVE GOOD NEWS FOR YOU”

(Adult Instruction)

For You and Your Friends!

People from all kinds of church backgrounds and some with no church background will attend. This in-depth Bible study deals with all aspects of the Christian faith directly from the Bible.

The classes are informal and are led by our Pastor. You can ask questions, as most people do, or you can just listen. It is free and without obligation. All sessions are on DVD in case of absence. For those completing the class this serves as our adult membership class.

Why not give it a try? We are sure you will discover that this Bible study is unlike any you've ever attended. The impact it will have on your life will be surprising and welcomed.

We call this: The V I P Class (Vitaly Informed Persons)

**It begins: Thursday, September 10, 2008
(7:00—8:15 p.m.)**

Meeting place: Meeting Room 1

For more information, please contact Pastor Carr.