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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 13

Date: August 18, 2013

✠ THE ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

Worship Preparation:Psalm 139, TLH p. 154 f.

Hymn: TLH 244: Glory Be to God the Father

Liturgy: TLH, p. 5 ff. (Also available on laminated sheet in pew)

Introit:

P: Rise up, O God, and defend Your cause;

C: Remember how fools mock You all day long.

P: Do not let the oppressed retreat in disgrace;

C: May the poor and needy praise Your name.

P: Hasten, O God, to save me;

C: O Lord, come quickly to help me. Glory be to God!

Gloria in Excelsis: WS 758, st. 4

**C: Praise and honor to the Father, Praise and honor to the Son,
Praise and honor to the Spirit, Ever Three and ever One,
One in might and one in glory While unending ages run!**

First Reading: Proverbs 3:1-18

Do not be wise in your own opinion, but trust in the Lord in all things.

Gradual:

P: Oh the depths of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!

C: How unsearchable His judgments, and His paths beyond tracing out!

P: For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

C: To Him be the glory forever! Amen.

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. The word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, ...

C: Piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, ... and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Alleluia.

Second Reading: Psalm 34:15-22

The eyes of the Lord are on the believers even during afflictions.

Confession of Faith: Apostolic Creed, TLH p. 12

Hymn: TLH 517: The Will of God Is Always Best

Sermon: Hebrews 12:3-11

³For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. ⁴You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin. ⁵And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; ⁶For whom the Lord loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives." ⁷If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? ⁸But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. ⁹Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected *us*, and we paid *them* respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰For they indeed for a few days chastened *us* as seemed *best* to them, but He for *our* profit, that *we* may be partakers of His holiness. ¹¹Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. (NKJV^m)

"Painful Chastening Yields Peaceable Fruit"

1. It is a mark of God's love

2. It serves a purpose

3. It has a greater good

Offertory: TLH, p. 12 f.

Hymn: WS 784: Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

Offering, Prayers, Benediction: TLH p. 14

Hymn: TLH 649: Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

Welcome to our guests and visitors. We appreciate the opportunity to share God's Word with you today. Please come again! Those interested in learning more about the Scriptures and our doctrinal position, please speak with Pastor Hein. He would be delighted to visit with you!

✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Service Schedule:** Please keep in mind that the service schedule will be changing on September 8. Sunday School and Bible Class will begin at 9:00 a.m. with regular morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Among Us:** Marvin Wagner had successful surgery this past Friday at Mercy in Coon Rapids. He was released on the same day and is now recovering at home. Dean Enns was transferred this week to Golden Valley Rehab and Care Center, receiving therapy there. He is still weak, but is improving gradually. Corine Kirkham continues to receive hospice care at the Jack and Sue Anne Kirkham residence. Please also remember our shut-ins in your prayers, Frieda Aden and Bob Schuetzler, perhaps even Lyle and Florence LaCroix who are finding it increasingly difficult to make it to church.
- ◆ **Baby Shower:** A baby shower for Andrea Dahl will be held at the church on Saturday, August 24 at 2pm. Please RSVP to Heidi Nelson. More details can be found on the bulletin board.
- ◆ **Sunday School Teachers:** We have a staff in place for the upcoming year: Rachel Eichstadt (Pre-school-Kindergarten); Ann Radichel (1st-3rd); Jan Davis (4th-5th); and Mark Wales (6th-8th). We are grateful that the Lord has led these faithful servants to teach the young lambs in our congregation. Please keep them in your prayers as they carry out this very important work of love. We also want to thank those outgoing teachers who have faithfully carried out their teaching duties.
- ◆ **Golf Outing:** The 6th Annual Snell Open benefitting the Josh Snell Memorial Scholarship Fund is set for Sat., Sept. 21, at Hidden Greens in Hastings. Pastor Hein has info. available.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Roland Gurgel of Bethel in Spring, TX (Houston area), has received the call to Rock of Ages in Grand Rapids, MI. ✠ Philip Matzke and Sara Purrington have accepted their calls to teach at ILHS, Mankato, MN. ✠ Pastor James Sandeen of St. Paul in Westminster, CO (Denver area), has received and returned the call to St. Peter's in Iron River, MI. Pastor Sandeen has announced his retirement from the public ministry intended for the end of August 2014.

Last Week's Stats: Aug. 11, 2013 Sun.: 96

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,921.57	CLC:	\$675.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,000.00	CLC:	960.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+921.57	CLC:	-285.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$94,521.57	CLC:	\$31,407.50	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	96,000.00	CLC:	30,720.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-1,478.43	CLC:	+687.50	
GLC Other:	365.00*	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition Aid:	25.00
SAF Endowment:	200.00**	MDF:	0.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid:	0.00	ILC Bldg.	30.00	IIF:	0.00
				CEF:	0.00

*\$235 Fire Alarm; \$80 V. Schweikert Memorial; ** \$100 V. Schweikert Memorial

HOW TO WANT WHAT YOU HAVE

I remember a fascinating title to a book I saw some years ago. It was entitled, **"How to Want What You Have."** The phrasing is so strange, you have to read it twice to be sure you read it right. In our materialistic culture we would have expected it to rather read, **"How to Get or Have What You Want."** Yet the actual title has solid backing in Scripture and speaks plainly to some of our most serious temptations and concerns.

During the economic boom years of the 90's and again in the mid-2000's many Americans developed an understandable sense that they possessed the **"Midas"** touch. Just about everything that happened from the stock market explosion to new hi-tech positions to a labor-friendly job market to minimal inflation and interest rates to readily available loan money to skyrocketing land and home values seemed to cry out in favor of fiscal invincibility - something **many "bought into"** literally and philosophically. Financial decisions were made as if the current boom would last forever. And the appealing prospect of available credit to have whatever you want now while certain the wherewithal would be there to pay later was a temptation many could not refuse. The possibility that one could financially "overextend" or that personal or national economic conditions would change seemed remote - especially in the minds of those who had not lived long enough to experience anything different, such as a major depression.

And then it **happened** - as it always has. The **American Dream** ran amok on the rocks of economic reality. And like a leaning deck of cards, all those fiscal conditions that earlier stood tall and strong - one by one they began to **collapse**. Terrorism and its panic and paralysis, overseas uncertainties, the shaking of the American psyche, the stock and housing markets' dive and collapses of banks and big businesses, employment struggles - all of this turned our Promised Land into an **economic landscape** that, in spite of limited recovery, remains both difficult and uncertain for many Americans.

Historically and Scripturally, it should **neither surprise nor upset us** as children of God whose **hearts** are hopefully set on **treasures** that are **"above"** and not below. **Contentment** that comes from **God teaches us to live as those who want what we have, both spiritually and materially. Faith knows and trusts that God has blessed us with life's greatest spiritual blessings in Christ and that He will provide for all our earthly needs as well (Matthew 6:24ff; Luke 12:13ff).** Covetousness, on the other hand, drives us to achieve and secure what God hasn't given us - leading to the plight of the hamster, hopelessly spinning our wheels and going absolutely nowhere in areas that really matter in life, striving furiously for "the meat that perishes", for that which possesses neither benefit nor value in eternity. "I shall strive to gain a treasure that will bring me lasting pleasure ..." (Hymn 370)

Written by Rev. David Schierenbeck, 8/2013

Voters Meeting Notes – July 21, 2013

Meeting opened with prayer. Minutes of the April 21 & June 2 approved. Treasurer's report approved.

Pastor's and Board of Elders' Combined Report:

- Baptisms: Anastasia Sorenson, Tavia Wales
- Deaths: Esther Schuetzler, Don Dahlin, Viola Schweikert
- Marriage: Andy & Shannon Vanderveer
- Confirmation: David Hein
- Instruction classes: Jeff Jacobson, Vic & Karen Schlegel
- A motion to ratify the communicant membership of David Hein passed.
- A motion to accept the request by Eric Eichstadt for removal passed. His letter in which he declared his unbelief and request for removal was read.
- Mission Festival: 10/13 w/Raju Bhitrakoti from Nepal plus blood drive
- Miesen Memorial: Portable lectern has been purchased.
- Background Checks: Test w/Pastor costing \$20 online.
- Sanctuary Projection: Questionnaire for the congregation.
- Medical Insurance: Rate increase from \$1656 to \$1755/month

Board of Education Report:

- Ann Radichel called to teach kindergarten for 2013-14 if there are students.
- Slide in the playground is being removed and possibly replaced.
- Substitute teachers: The board proposed to revise handbook which deals with the process for selecting substitute teachers. Referred back to the board.
- Community Parade: Students and several adults participated, 30 in all. School banner was carried, brochures distributed, good fellowship.

Board of Trustees Report:

- Regular maintenance issues are being addressed in a timely manner.
- There is a need for people to sign up for church cleaning.
- A work day for school clean-up is scheduled for August 10.
- Fire Alarm Project: The project will be completed before the start of school. Equipment will be placed in the school, fellowship hall, and narthex, but not in the sanctuary. A monitoring service is required costing \$340/yr.

Old Business:

- Free will offering for Pastor's vacation discussed. Amend current handbook language to cover staff vacations in the same manner as other free will offerings. The Elders will review this matter.

New Business:

- MN Delegate Conference: Some reports about evangelism and involvement of lay delegates at the CLC Convention.
- SW Metro Board: Discussion centered as to how to continue. Try to progress to a mission church from a preaching station? Ask Steve Sydow to serve an occasional whole weekend? The group is happy to remain a preaching station. The group is self-sufficient with offerings matching expenses. Their meeting place is rent-free.
- Outreach Seminar: Idea is to rent space in a hotel for the purpose of holding a seminar on the Bible to be modeled after the one to be conducted by Ascension at Batavia, IL, July 13.

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary Jack Kirkahm

Council Meeting Notes – August 11, 2013

The meeting was opened with prayer. Minutes of the July 14 meeting were approved with minor corrections. Treasurer's report was approved.

Pastor's report:

- VBS: 28 children attended, 9 non-members. Pastor would like to have a greater effort to bring in more students for the next VBS.
- Viola Schweikert funeral went well. The clean-up effort between the conclusion of VBS and the funeral went very well
- Catechism and mid-week Bible classes will be resuming.
- Constitution Review: Pastor Hein suggested the need for a review by a committee with regard to membership and voting rights. He read an article about an ELCA congregation split which raised the concern.
- Corine Kirkham is now in hospice care at home.

Board of Elders report:

- Video Project: A survey is being prepared.

Board of Education report:

- The school workday went well with every task on list being completed.
- School Calendar: Our teachers will not be participating in this year's CLC Teacher Conference due to schedule conflicts.
- Kindergarten: A new school law requires any elementary school which has a student populace of kindergarten-age children. The board is prepared to meet that requirement should the need arise.
- School Handbook: The format is being changed to ease updating.
- Substitute Teacher Calls: Some calls can be less formal than others, depending on the nature of the call. The Board recommends less formal calls be issued to substitute teachers, to be initiated by the Board and approved by the Council without requiring voter approval. A proposal is being worked on. In the interim, formal calls to substitute teachers for the next school year will be issued, to be formally ratified at next voters' meeting. A motion to call the following was passed: Heidi Nelson, Laura Wales, Jan Davis, and Ann Radichel.
- Question: Can the board re-consider starting a pre-school mid-year since we will not be having a kindergarten? Answer: No, the proposal was dropped because of all the regulations and stipulations by the state, and the lack of time to comply with them.

Board of Trustees:

- Fire Alarm Project: Missed the August 1 target date. Installation is scheduled for Aug. 20-23, to be completed before school starts. Bill Rust will ask for volunteers to be present during the installation.
- Work day went well. Pew repairs were made, trees were trimmed, and the debris was hauled away by Benno Sydow.
- Furnaces: Remember pre-season check.
- Ryan Oman will be returning from duty in Afghanistan, and will be able to resume his work with the Board.

New Business:

- AEDs (Automatic Emergency Defibrillators) are available thru a grant program by Alina Health Systems. Bill Rust will submit an application.

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary Jack Kirkahm

✚ TODAY AT GRACE ✚

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Phil Radichel

Ushers: Larry Brandt, Roger Brandt, Charles Davis, Nick Duehlmeier,
Dale Enns, Lynn Sandhoefner, Ned Sandhoefner

Counting Team 4: Ed Lentz; Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl;
Dave Rust; Lynn Sandhoefner

Church Cleaners: Ochsner

✚ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✚

Ushers: Larry Brandt, Roger Brandt, Charles Davis, Nick Duehlmeier,
Dale Enns, Lynn Sandhoefner, Ned Sandhoefner

Counting Team 1: Dan Degnan; Larry Nelson; Phil Radichel;
Pat Paplow

Church Cleaners: Ochsner

✚ OUR SCHEDULE ✚

Sun., Aug. 18: 9:00 am – Worship Service

Sat. Aug. 24: 2:00 pm – Dahl Baby Shower

Sun., Aug. 25: 9:00 am – Worship Service

Mon., Aug. 26: 8:00 am – Grace School Opening Service

10:00 am – ILC Opening Service @ Eau Claire, WI

Wed., Aug. 28: Catechism for Public School Students Begins (Grades 6-8)

Sun., Sept. 8: 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School

10:00 am – Worship Service (Regular Schedule Resumes)

Wed., Sept. 11: 7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class Resumes

Sun., Sept. 15: Grace Church Picnic

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. - Ephesians 2:8-9

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all discipline seems painful
rather than pleasant,
BUT LATER
it yields the peaceful fruit of
righteousness to those who
have been trained by it.
Hebrews 12:11