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✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Janelle Hein Elder: Phil Radichel
Ushers: Mark Wales, Don Auel, Ole Olmanson, Adam Wales,
 Eli Wales, Brandon Wendland, Brandt Wendland
Counting Team 3: Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Jack
 Kirkham; Benno Sydow; Brandt Wendland
Church Cleaners: Ochsner/Boe

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Mark Wales, Don Auel, Ole Olmanson, Adam Wales,
 Eli Wales, Brandon Wendland, Brandt Wendland
Counting Team 4: Ed Lentz; Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl;
 Dave Rust; Lynn Sandhoefner
Church Cleaners: Welker

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Aug. 10: 9:00 am –Worship Service (VBS Review/Vicar)
 10:00 am – Hospitality
 3:00 pm – Mayhew Installation @ Sleepy Eye, MN
Mon., Aug. 11: 7:00 pm – Grace School Ice Cream Social
Sun., Aug. 17: 9:00 am –Worship Service
 11:00 am – Council Meeting
Mon., Aug. 25: 8:00 am – Opening Service for Grace School
 10:00 am – Opening Service for Immanuel @ Eau Claire
Wed., Aug. 27: Catechism Begins for Public School Students
Sun. Sept. 7: 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School Begin
 10:00 am – Worship Service (Regular Schedule Resumes)
Sun., Sept. 14: Grace Church Picnic

Last Week's Stats: July 27, 2014 Sun.: 98

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,831.75	CLC:	\$1,047.50	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,200.00	CLC:	1,040.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-368.25	CLC:	+7.50	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$97,545.99	CLC:	\$31,030.65	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	99,200.00	CLC:	32,240.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-1,654.01	CLC:	-1,209.35	
GLC Other:	100.00*	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition Aid:	158.00
SAF Endowment:	0.00	MDF:	20.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid:	40.00	ILC Bldg.	110.00	IIF:	55.00
				CEF:	0.00
Current Balances:	Projection:	-439.67	Tuition Aid:	+6,240.12	

* \$50 Linda Wagner Memorial

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

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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 My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of the Lord.**

Psalm 84:1-2a

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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 9/VBS Review

Date: August 10, 2014

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 1: Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty
TLH 17: Oh, Worship the King
TLH 44: Ye Lands, to the Lord Make a Jubilant Noise
WS 744: How Great Thou Art

VBS Children: TLH 2: To Thy Temple I Repair
Installation: Vicar Rob Sauers

Worship Prep:

Psalm 84, TLH p. 139 f.

Liturgy:

TLH, p. 32 (Matins)
Psalm 122; TLH 568

Scripture Readings:

Colossians 3:12-17
John 4:5-14,19-26

Sermon: Psalm 84

¹How lovely is Your tabernacle, O Lord of hosts! ²My soul longs, yes, even faints For the courts of the Lord; My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. ³Even the sparrow has found a home, And the swallow a nest for herself, Where she may lay her young— *Even Your altars, O Lord of hosts, My King and my God.* ⁴Blessed *are* those who dwell in Your house; They will still be praising You. Selah ⁵Blessed *is* the man whose strength is in You, Whose heart *is* set on pilgrimage. ⁶As *they* pass through the Valley of Baca, They make it a spring; The rain also covers it with pools. ⁷They go from strength to strength; *Each one* appears before God in Zion. ⁸O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; Give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah ⁹O God, behold our shield, And look upon the face of Your anointed. ¹⁰For a day in Your courts *is* better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God Than dwell in the tents of wickedness. ¹¹For the Lord God *is* a sun and shield; The Lord will give grace and glory; No good *thing* will He withhold From those who walk uprightly. ¹²O Lord of hosts, Blessed *is* the man who trusts in You! (NKJVTM)

“My Soul Longs for the Courts of the Lord”

Follow sermon with Psalm 84, WS p. 38

✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Vacation Bible School:** This week Grace held its VBS. 37 children registered, 34 children attended, and the average attendance was 30.2. We thank the Lord for all that He did in blessing this endeavor ... for the parents in bringing their children, for the children with their listening attitude, and for the volunteers who taught and helped.
- ◆ **Welcome:** We welcome Seminarian Rob Sauers today as he begins his vicarage here at Grace! The vicar program provides practical pastoral training for our church body's seminary students. Vicar Sauers is starting his third year of studies at Immanuel Lutheran Seminary in Eau Claire, WI, and his wife, Kate, serves as the Immanuel girls' dormitory supervisor. He will be staying at an apartment which has been provided by Dave and Norma Rust. He will be serving in this capacity until September 21. We look forward to him being here in our midst and pray that his time among us will be richly blessed.
- ◆ **Service Schedule:** Please keep in mind that the service schedule will be changing on September 7. Sunday School and Bible Class will begin at 9:00 a.m. with regular morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Sunday School Teachers:** Sunday School begins the Sunday after Labor Day. We are looking for volunteers to teach. It is a great opportunity to instruct our youth about the truths of Scripture. If you are interested, please let Rick Nelson know so he can hopefully find a place for you on staff. He is interested in full-time teachers, part-time teachers, and substitutes.
- ◆ **Online Course at ILC:** Immanuel Lutheran College will be offering Religion 407 online in the fall semester and Religion 408 online in the spring semester. These two courses comprise the Christian Dogmatics (Christian Teachings) course required at the college level for education students. Both semester courses are also required of teachers seeking CLC certification and of CLC members with a four-year degree who wish to enroll in Immanuel Lutheran Seminary. The online course begins the same day as the classroom course (August 25) and meets three times a week. Cost of Religion 407 taken for credit (3) is \$637.50. The cost for auditing the course is \$191.25. These same rates apply also to Religion 408 (the continuation of Rel. 407), which begins January 12, 2015. For more information about the courses and how to register, see the online courses link on the home page of the ILC website (www.ilc.edu).
- ◆ **Installation:** The installation of Pastor Mayhew will take place at Grace-Sleepy Eye today at 3 pm. A church picnic meal will follow.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Delwyn Maas of Valentine, NE, has accepted the call to Gift of God in Mapleton, ND (Fargo area). ✠ Pastor David Fuerstenau of Holy Truth in Ketchikan, AK, has received the call to Grace in Live Oak, FL. ✠ Pastor Andrew Schaller of Zion in Hidewood Township and Trinity in Watertown, SD, has received the call to St. Paul in Lakewood, CO (Denver). ✠ Pastor Timothy Wheaton of Mt. Olive in Lamar, CO, has received the call to Living Word of Blue Springs, MO (Kansas City area), formerly located at Lexington, MO.

CLC E-Devotion – June 23, 2014

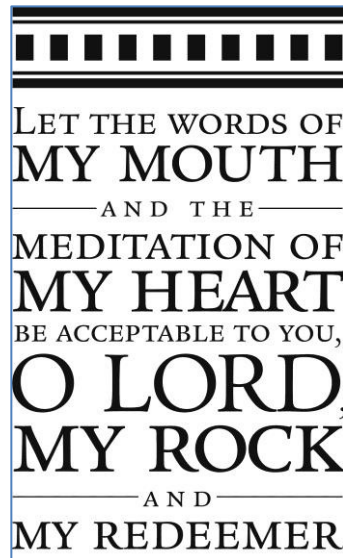
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CHURCH IS WORSHIP AND MEDITATION

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So what is the up side? Is there one? Where can we go for encouragement? The Lord is always there for us with rest, refreshment, and renewed purpose. Remember His promise: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28). We can leave our fears, failures, and doubts with Him; and in exchange, He gives us the peace of forgiveness and the joy of serving Him, who laid down His holy life for us.

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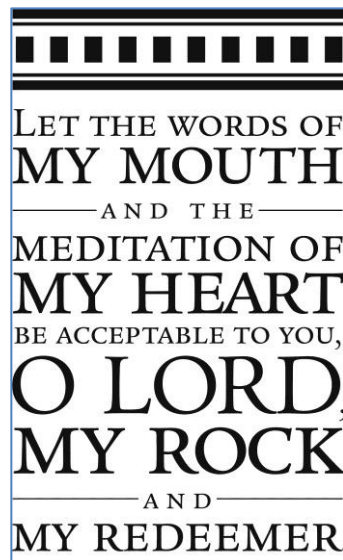
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