

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Sue Nelson Elder: Al Rosendahl

Ushers: Paul Lentz; Brad Kitzman; Rick Nelson; Keith Radichel; Bob Vandever

Counting Team 1: Dan Degnan; Dale Enns; Larry Nelson; Ryan Oman; Pat Paplow; Phil Radichel

Church Cleaners: Ochsner/Boe

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Paul Lentz; Brad Kitzman; Rick Nelson; Keith Radichel; Bob Vandever

Counting Team 2: Gary Gunther; Rick Nelson; Bill Rust; Bob Vandever; Clint Welker

Church Cleaners: Volunteers?

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., July 22: 9:00 am – Worship Service w/Nelson Installation
10:00 am – Nelson Installation Reception

July 23-27: 9:00-11:30 am – Vacation Bible School

Sun., July 29: 9:00 am – Worship Service w/VBS Review

Sat., Aug. 11: 9:00 am – Grace School Work Day

Mon., Aug. 13: 7:00 pm – Grace School Meeting with Ice Cream Social

Sun., Aug. 19: 3:00 pm – Opening Service at Immanuel (Eau Claire, WI)

Mon., Aug. 27: 8:00 am – Opening Service for Grace Lutheran School

Wed., Aug. 29: 4:30-6:15 – Catechism Begins for Public School Students

Sun., Sept. 9: 8:30 am – Choir Practice Begins
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School Begin
10:00 am – Worship Service (Regular Schedule Resumes)
11:00 am – Hospitality Begins

Sun., Sept. 16: Annual Church Picnic

Last Week's Stats: July 15, 2018 Sun.: 79

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| Sun. Offering: | Grace: | \$2,812 | CLC: | \$565 |
| Weekly Need: | Grace: | 3,700 | CLC: | 1,000 |
| -Under / +Over: | Grace: | -888 | CLC: | -435 |
| Year-to-Date Offering: | Grace: | \$94,481 | CLC: | \$26,121 |
| Year-to-Date Need: | Grace: | 103,600 | CLC: | 28,000 |
| Year-to-Date (+/-) | Grace: | -9,119 | CLC: | -1,879 |
| GLC Other: 50 | Living Faith: 0 | Tuition Aid: 345 | | |
| SAF Endowment: 0 | MDF: 50 | Kinship: 80 | | |
| ILC Student Aid: 120 | ILC Bldg. 220 | IIF: 0 | CEF: 0 | |
| Current Balances: | Tuition Aid: \$4,791 | | | |

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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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 9

Date: July 22, 2018

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

WS 758: Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation
How Great The Joy, How Simple (Tune TLH 655)
LSB 866: Lord Jesus Christ, the Children's Friend
Sing TLH 441 when offering is brought forward
Installation: Heidi Nelson (Lower Grade Teacher)
WS 780: Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give

Worship Prep:

Psalm 84, TLH p. 139 f.

Liturgy:

WS, p. 1 (Projected)
Psalm 84: WS, p. 38

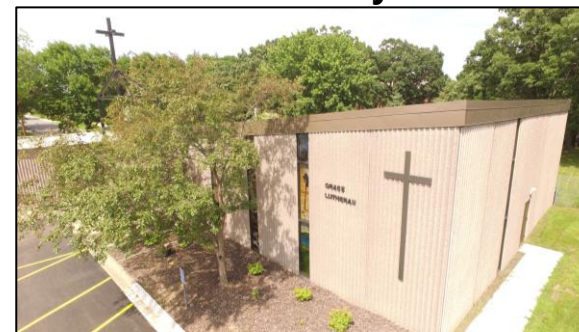
Scripture Readings:

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Mark 6:30-34

Sermon: Ephesians 2:19-22

¹⁹ Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, ²² in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit. (NKJVTM)

"God Uses Our Faithful Ministry to Build His Temple"



✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Nelson Installation:** Today Heidi Nelson will be installed as the lower grade teacher at Grace Lutheran School. We thank the Lord for answering our prayers in providing us a second full-time teacher to help with the expanding student enrollment in recent years. We also thank Ellen Bergstrom for her continued role in part-time teaching, now on a volunteer basis. While already installed, her willingness to continue in this way demonstrates how the Lord creates hearts to carry out His purposes. May the Lord bless our teaching staff in the coming year with His love and with the responsibility of tending His lambs in the truth of His Word as they rightly dividing Law and Gospel. There will be a cake and coffee reception following the service to which everyone is invited.



- ◆ **Vacation Bible School:** Our VBS is this week July 23-27, 9:00-11:30 am. This includes children age 4 years old to children going into eighth grade. If there are any more registration, please sign up your children on the sheet by the guest book. Please pray for the success of our VBS this week. There are 60 children currently registered! The most we've had recorded historically is 53 in 1976.



- ◆ **Sunday School:** Those interested in teaching, subbing, or helping out in any kind of way may speak with either Pastor or Michael Ude.
- ◆ **Among Us:** Last week Joyce Stifter was included in our prayers as she broke her hip, requiring surgery. She has moved to Interlude Restorative Suites. This is the newer building on the south side of Unity, only a block away from the church. Joyce is in room 304 and will likely be there for the next few weeks. Phone: 763-230-3324. In His boundless compassion, may the Lord tenderly shepherd our sister.
- ◆ **Summer Hospitality:** To host any of the Sundays in summer, sign up on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.
- ◆ **Invitation:** Prince of Peace Lutheran of Hecla, SD, invites you to their annual Harvest Festival 4 pm Sunday, Aug. 19. An outdoor service at Marvin and Gwen Hansen's will be followed by a dinner featuring barbecued turkey and fresh sweet corn. For more information, contact Pastor Tim Daub (pastor_daub@hotmail.com/605-994-2145).
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor David Ude of Living Hope Lutheran in Appleton, WI, has received the call to Bethel Lutheran in Morris, MN. ✠ Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer of Trinity Lutheran in Spokane, WA, has received the call to Berea Lutheran in Inver Grove Heights, MN.

LUTHER AND THE OFFICE OF THE CHRISTIAN TEACHER

In July, 1530, Luther wrote a special treatise addressed especially to parents, urging them to keep their children in school. In that treatise, the Reformer exalted the teaching profession in the following words:

"I would briefly say that a diligent and pious schoolteacher or master or whoever the person is who faithfully trains and teaches children can never be sufficiently rewarded and repaid with any money, as even the heathen Aristotle says. *[This Greek philosopher said: "Those who educate children well are more to be honored than those who produce them. For the latter give them only life; the former give them the art of living well." Luther probably had this saying in mind.]*



Yet this work is shamefully despised among us as if it were nothing whatever. Still we want to be Christians.

If I myself could or should be obliged to leave the office of the ministry and other duties, I would rather have the office of schoolmaster or teacher of children than any other office. For I know that next to the ministry this is the most useful, the greatest, and the best. In fact, I do not know which of the two is the better; for it is hard to tame old dogs and to make old rascals pious. Yet this is the task at which the preacher must labor and often labor in vain. But one can bend and train young trees more easily even though some of them break in the process.

My friend, let it be considered one of the greatest virtues on earth faithfully to train the children of other people. Very few people - in fact, practically none - do this for their own children."



It is interesting how little things change over the centuries as still today parents often neglect what will bring their children great blessing. These words of Luther ought to be taken to heart by all who teach in Christian schools and Sunday schools, or have received a training which qualifies them to serve in such schools. But it is also a reminder to all members who support a school of the tireless and unnoticed labor of love that happens day after day in a Christian school. Please appreciate this gift of the Lord, particularly parents who are well-served by the Christian teachers who give of themselves for their children's spiritual well-being.

Council Voters Meeting Notes – July 15, 2018

The meeting was called to order. The April voter meeting minutes were read and approved. The 2nd quarter treasurer's report was presented and approved. Motion passed to close the parking lot fund and to move the remaining balance to the project undesignated fund.

Pastor's Report

- April 27 was visitor's day at ILHS in Eau Claire with 6 from Grace attending.
- May 20 was confirmation for Daniel Hein, Elaina Yang, and Alieu Kanneh. Motion passed to ratify their communicant membership at Grace.
- May 27 was the baptism of Lemuel Wiah. Adult classes are being administered to MaiMa and IdaMai Minor.
- June 7 was the SLP parade, a casual and friendly way to promote our school & VBS.
- June 9 was the MN Delegate Conference at Grace. The facility works well.
- June 21-24 was the CLC Convention in Eau Claire. The Joint Statement was not adopted, but meetings with the ELS and WELS will continue.
- July 1 was the baptism of Madison Glover, Harleigh Fuerstenberg, and Devin Vandever, children of Vanessa Vandever who is now taking instruction.
- July 22 will be the installation of Heidi Nelson as our grade school teacher.
- July 23-27 will be VBS. Currently 41 students registered with more expected.
- Pastor Joseph Kwiwalazu from Liberia has returned from another visit to Guinea. There are various classes being conducted in Monrovia and Bopolu.

Elder Report

- The handbook is being revised.
- The cell phone use policy is in place.
- Photos taken by Pastor Joel Fleischer via drone will be put on our website.

Education Report

- The SLP parade on June 7 went well.
- Heidi Nelson will be joining Grace Lutheran School staff on August 1. Current registration includes 7 students in grades K-2 and 13 students in grades 3-8.
- Conversion of the school bathrooms to unisex bathrooms is in process.
- Parents are encouraged to keep their children out of the school classrooms during social activities at the church.
- Motion passed to accept the recommendation by the Bd of Ed to have Michael Ude be Sunday School Superintendent for the 2018-2019 year.

Trustee Report

- The computer server that has been failing has been replaced.
- The parking lot has been repaved.

Other Business

- The contents of the safe deposit box at the bank will be retrieved and the box will be closed.
- Bill Rust reported on the CLC Convention.

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary Roger Ochsner

CLC Financial Report - June

| CLC Financial Report Operating Funds | Balance 7/1/2017 | YTD Revenue | YTD Disbursed | Budget 12 Months | Balance 6/30/2018 |
|---|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| General Fund | 0 | 973,306 | 977,982 | \$930,000 | - 4,676 |
| ILC Operations | 0 | 1,359,171 | 1,285,924 | \$530,000 | 73,247 |
| Total | \$0 | \$2,332,477 | \$2,263,906 | \$1,480,000 | \$68,571 |
| Auxiliary Funds | | | | | |
| ILC Improvement Fund (IIF) | 27,274 | 175,607 | 94,758 | | 108,123 |
| ILC Building Projects (AC/Dorm) | - 49,213 | 377,830 | 313,117 | | 15,500 |
| Mission Development Fund (MDF) | 61,237 | 215,552 | 221,449 | | 55,340 |
| Kinship | 43,040 | 108,009 | 114,412 | | 36,637 |
| Church Extension Fund (CEF) | 1,030,843 | 1,122,661 | 797,263 | | 1,356,241 |
| Student Aid Fund (SAF) | 68,917 | 154,562 | 146,193 | | 77,286 |
| Reserve Fund | 225,190 | 84,613 | 2,486 | | 307,317 |
| Total | \$1,407,288 | \$2,238,834 | \$1,689,678 | | \$1,956,444 |

| ILC Building Projects (Academic Center Balance & North Hall) | |
|--|------------------|
| Beginning Balance November 1, 2017 | \$1,460,931 |
| Current Balance June 30, 2018 | \$1,355,329 |
| Principal paid to date | \$105,602 |

Notes: (June is the end of Fiscal Year 2018)

- * **General Fund** offerings in June totaled \$86,320 vs disbursements of \$74,984, resulting in an accrued negative balance of \$ -4,676 for FY18. **However**, \$84,613 was returned to the General Fund Reserve by the Boards of Education, Trustees, Regents, and Missions from their unused subsidy for the year, which resets their starting balances to \$0 for the new Fiscal Year 2019. The resulting Reserve account balance (less investment capital losses of \$2,486) is \$307,317.
- * **ILC Building Projects** offerings in June totaled \$5,395 vs the monthly mortgage payment of \$8,000, resulting in a year end balance of \$15,500. As previously reported, an extra payment of \$80,000 on principal was made this Spring, which has saved total interest of \$115,000 on the AC/North Hall loan & decreased the loan term by 2 years.
- * **CEF**: revenue in June totaled \$44,425 from congregations' CEF loan repayments, which was partially offset by investment capital losses of -\$15,664 in the Investment Pool for the last quarter. The Pool valuation reported on 6/30/18 was \$1,662,855.
- * **MDF**: offerings in June totaled \$11,437 vs disbursements of \$21,666, leaving a balance of \$55,340.
- * **SAF**: received \$11,777 in June from congregational offerings (\$1,682) and student loan repayments (\$10,094) vs disbursements of \$1,855, resulting in a FY18 year end balance of \$77,286.
- * **IIF**: The ILC Improvement Fund June offering was \$668 vs \$83,508 disbursements (\$78,000 for Ingram Drive paving, \$5100 for Athletic Field Storage Building), resulting in an IIF balance of \$108,123. The Ingram Drive paving & lighting was completed June 8 at an estimated cost of \$92,000. The field house heating upgrade and several professorage repairs/upgrades remain to be completed this summer.

"But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of Thee, and of Thine own have we given Thee." (David's praise of the Lord at the outpouring of offerings. (1 Chronicles 29:5ff))

James E. Sandeen, CLC Treasurer
Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees