

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 15

Date: September 13, 2020

✠ **WORSHIP INFORMATION** ✠

Hymns:

TLH 628: Shepherd of Tender Youth

TLH 423, st. 1,3,5-6: Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

TLH 421: Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake

Sunday School Staff Installation

LSB 861: Christ Be My Leader

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalms 121, TLH p. 152

Liturgy:

WS, p. 1 (Projected)

Offering: Plate at organ

Scripture Readings:

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Romans 12:1-8

Sermon: Matthew 16:21-26

²¹ From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day. ²² Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!" ²³ But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men." ²⁴ Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. ²⁵ "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. ²⁶ "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" (NKJVTM)

Cross-Bearing Training

✝ ***THE ANNOUNCEMENTS*** ✝

- ➔ **Today** we have begun the new Sunday School year. As a result, we will be installing our teachers and pondering the importance of educating our children and adults in the Lord's will. His will is that we bear the cross of whatever might happen to us because of our love and trust in Him. May we, by the Spirit, be enabled to do so without objection, enduring this as a privilege.
- ➔ **Caution:** If anyone is high risk, vulnerable, recently exposed to a COVID-19 patient, or has symptoms of illness (especially high temperature and cough), the individual along with any others in that person's household are strongly urged to stay home for one's own well-being and the well-being of others. If any member remains uncomfortable about coming to worship, online worship is still available at [FridleyLutheran.org](https://www.fridleylutheran.org).
- ➔ **Masks:** Due to the Governor's executive order, face coverings or masks are now required during worship at Grace. Children under the age of 2 are exempt. Ages 2-5 "are encouraged to wear a face covering when in public if they can do so reliably ..." Also, pastor does not need to wear one while leading the worship service.
- ➔ **Physical Distancing:** The pews are set up to be alternating, post-its on the pews that are to be used. Our ushers are asked to be proactive when ushering people in so that distancing between household units can be better accomplished. Also, please remember to do your visiting outside away from the building before and after worship, ensuring that the doorway isn't blocked by a group. Thank you for being mindful of your fellow Christians.
- ➔ **Among Us:** As we included in our prayers three weeks ago, Marie Miller has been diagnosed with terminal pancreatic cancer. She is remaining at home for the time being, finding it challenging to eat. That said, her spirits recently have been encouraging as she finds her hope and strength in the LORD. She thanks the congregation for the many expresses of kindness shared with her.
- ➔ **Appreciation:** Pastor expresses his appreciation to the congregation for allowing him to go on vacation to visit family near Spokane, WA. With his aging parents, these kinds of visits are becoming more important over time. It is therapeutic for him to harvest, visit siblings, and see his parents, including his father who is in a nursing home. While he couldn't see his father as often this time, he was able to see him through a window and garner big smiles by the self-termed "dough gobs" (apple fritters) he brought him and the staff members. All this means so much!

- ➔ **CLC Southeastern Women's Retreat:** This will be held in Compass Cove Oceanfront Resort at Myrtle Beach, SC, Nov. 13-15, with the theme "My times are in Your hands ..." Psalm 31:15a. Registration is \$40, but hotel costs vary. Contact: Amy Osborne (651-329-3662/newyorker13@hotmail.com). For more info. and to register: christianwomensretreat.weebly.com/myrtle-beach.html.
- ➔ **Prayers:** Two weeks ago, Pastor Dave Naumann's wife, Desirae, was suddenly diagnosed with a brain tumor considered glioblastoma. She had a successful removal surgery and will be undergoing treatment. While there is a commonly limited life expectancy, there are also cases of positive outcomes. Please keep her in your prayers. Desirae also teaches at the congregational school in Clarkston, WA. Also, please keep Ashton Loomis in your prayers, a senior attending Immanuel Lutheran, member from Trinity Lutheran in Spokane who lives in Helena, Montana. Two weeks ago he endured severe head trauma from a bike accident. He is undergoing therapy for some basic tasks that many of us often take for granted.
- ➔ **CLC News:** Pastor Chad Sebyt of Redeemer Lutheran in Cheyenne, WY, has received the call to Morningstar Lutheran in Fairchild, WI; Trinity Lutheran in Millston, WI; and Peace with God Lutheran in Onalaska, WI. Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck of Eau Claire, WI, has accepted the vacancy call to these congregations. † Pastor Luke Bernthal of St. Stephen Lutheran in Mountain View, CA (San Francisco area) and St. Stephen Lutheran in Hayward, CA (Oakland area) has returned the call to Living Savior Lutheran in Eden Prairie, MN. The congregation has now extended the call to Visiting Missionary Todd Ohlmann. † Pastor Ben Libby of Ascension Lutheran in Tacoma, WA, has returned the call to Redeemer Lutheran in Bowdle, SD, and Zion Lutheran in Ipswich, SD. These congregations have now extended the call to 2020 Immanuel Lutheran Seminary graduate, Mr. Nick Naumann. † Pastor Tom Schuetze of St. Paul Lutheran in Lakewood, CO, has received the call to Bethel Lutheran in Morris, MN.

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 the Pastor. He would be delighted to visit with you!

CLC Financial Report - August

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2020	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 2 Months	Balance 8/31/2020
General Fund	0	139,847	172,053	182,900	- 32,206
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	269,727	186,932	229,690	82,795
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	201,448	819	44,073		158,194
ILC Building Projects (AC/Dorm)	14,542	1,994,158	1,053,871		954,829
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	84,054	59,832	39,823		104,063
Kinship	86,093	49,107	18,356		116,844
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	1,914,371	1,314,726	26,274		3,202,823
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	84,280	17,407	21,173		80,514
Reserve Fund	294,092	0	0		294,092
Total	\$2,678,880	\$3,436,049	\$1,203,570		\$4,911,359

ILC Building Projects (Academic Center & North Hall)	Paid in Full !!
Beginning Balance November 1, 2017	\$1,460,931
(Final payment: \$1,053,871) Balance August 31, 2020	Hallelujah! \$0
Total Loan Principal Paid in Full!	\$1,460,931

General Fund – August offerings of \$65,317 vs disbursements of \$73,395 increased the negative balance by \$8,077. Again, not unusual for summer & given the pandemic issues. And still the Lord has blessed us with more than our daily bread! **The Trustees, Regents, Missions, & Ed & Publications receive their major funding from our CLC General Fund offerings.**

ILC Operations– ILC August revenue of \$148,098 vs disbursements of \$106,356 more than covered July's \$9,700 deficit, due largely to the initial payments on the new school year student accounts.

ILC Building Projects – The entire CLC indebtedness on the Academic Center (original loan of \$1,751,000 in 2010 & the North Hall dorm upgrades of \$253,000 in 2017) has been paid in full! Regular congregational Building Fund offerings, special individual offerings --\$300,000 in the last 2 or 3 years-- and recently a bequest of nearly \$2M has resulted in the final payment of the principal balance of \$1,053,871. *"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."* (1Chron 29:14) We are His people because He has paid our debt in full, and not with gold or silver, but with His holy precious blood! That is why His people are able to offer so willingly after this sort from what He has given!

CEF – August revenue was \$1,281,245 (\$1,053,871 from the AC/North Hall payoff and \$231,485 from a congregation's payoff of its CEF loan) vs disbursements of \$7,265 in debt service, resulting in the current CEF positive position of \$3.2M.

MDF – August offerings of \$47,121 (gifts of \$10,000 & \$16,000) vs disbursements of \$22,523 (\$10,000 construction loan installment of Nepal Bible Institute, \$8,600 Mission Helper expenses, and \$2,500 for bicycles/motorcycles.

Kinship – August gifts: \$30,715. Public Ministry Prep gift: \$15,000. Praise be to our gracious God!

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

CLC E-Devotion – September 11, 2020

Deuteronomy 6:6-9 (NKJV) And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them to your children and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Contrasting and Competing Worldviews

Parenting is the most important profession on Earth. Children are followers; they are happy to learn about the one true God from His book, the Book of books, the Bible. Happy to learn about their creation by Him; about what He has done for them and all sinners by sending Jesus as their Savior; about what He promises to do for them every day- and finally by His grace and mercy taking them to heaven.

A Christian worldview is a view of life seen through “belief glasses” or the “lens” of God’s Word. In our glut of information day, it’s never been more important to examine things through those “glasses,” because the unbelieving world too has its worldview. Every day Satan seeks to corrupt and distort our Christian worldview in favor of some ungodly and anti-Christian view.

That fact underscores why Christian parents need to shape their children’s views and lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. As one Christian puts it, our children and all of us “need to know that every song, movie, television program, article, speech, tweet, post, and commercial reflect values and behavior rooted in a worldview.” Therefore, let us beware and be praying!

Regarding “binding [God’s will and words] as a sign” and “as frontlets” and writing them “on the doorposts of your house,” Dr. Martin Luther writes: “[God] knows our danger and need, as well as the constant and furious assaults and temptations of devils. He wants to warn, equip, and preserve us against them, as with a good armor against their fiery darts ...” (Large Catechism).

Lord Jesus Christ, the children’s Friend,
To each of them Your presence send;
Call them by name and keep them true
In loving faith, dear Lord, to You.

In Christian homes, Lord, let them be
Your blessing to their family;
Let Christian schools Your work extend
In living truth as You intend. (Lutheran Service Book, 866:1-2)

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Dave Rust

Ushers: Brian Eichstadt; Alex Baker; Kevin Baker; Dan Degnan; Brandon Paplow; Pat Paplow

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

Church Cleaners: R. & H. Nelson

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Brian Eichstadt; Alex Baker; Kevin Baker; Dan Degnan; Brandon Paplow; Pat Paplow

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

Church Cleaners: R. & H. Nelson

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Sept. 13: Return to Regular Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00 am – Sunday School Begins (no Bible Class yet)

10:00 am – Worship Service

Sun., Sept. 20: 9:00 am – Sunday School Begins (no Bible Class yet)

10:00 am – Worship Service

Wed., Sept. 23: CLC Coordinating Council Meeting

Sun., Oct. 4: 9:00 am – Bible Class Begins

October 6-7: Minnesota Pastoral Conference @ Sleepy Eye, MN

Sun., Oct. 11: Mission Festival w/Pastor Mark Bernthal

Last Week's Stats: Sept. 6, 2020 Sun.: 70

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$10,128	CLC:	\$865
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,000	CLC:	950
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+6,128	CLC:	-85
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$145,047	CLC:	\$32,552
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	144,000	CLC:	34,200
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+1,047	CLC:	-1,648
GLC Other: 75	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	120
SAF Endowment: 0	MDF:	150	Kinship:	100
ILC Student Aid: 0	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF: 0	CEF: 0

Current Balances: Tuition Aid: \$3,225

* Includes \$6,200 in school tuition



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