

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Easter 6

Date: May 9, 2021

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 17: Oh, Worship the King

TLH 197: Where Wilt Thou Go

TLH 457: What a Friend We Have in Jesus

TLH 200, st. 6-8: I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 98, TLH p. 144

Liturgy:

WS, p. 12 (Projected)

WS p. 29, Psalm 118

Scripture Readings:

Acts 11:19-26

1 John 4:1-11

Sermon: John 15:9-17

⁹ "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. ¹⁰ "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. ¹¹ "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and *that* your joy may be full. ¹² "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. ¹⁴ "You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. ¹⁵ "No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ "You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. ¹⁷ "These things I command you, that you love one another." (NKJVTM)

MY SOUL'S BEST FRIEND,
WHAT JOY AND BLESSING MY SPIRIT FINDS IN THEE!

† THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

COVID-19 Pre-Cautions: If anyone is high risk, vulnerable, recently exposed to a COVID-19 patient, or has symptoms of illness (esp. high temp. and cough), the individual along with any others in that person's household are urged to stay home for one's own well-being and the well-being of others. Online worship is still available at FridleyLutheran.org. Due to the Governor's order, face coverings are required during worship at Grace. Children under the age of 2 are exempt. For physical distancing, post-its are on the pews that are to be used. Please remember to not block areas of foot traffic. Thank you for being mindful of your fellow Christians.

➔ **Mother's Day:** A blessed Mother's Day to those whom the LORD has placed into this special role in each of our lives.



➔ **Among Us:** Ryan Oman will be having back surgery this coming Thursday, May 13, to trim bulging discs. Recently Larry Nelson was diagnosed with prostate cancer. He will be having surgery on May 18. May our brothers in Christ receive the medical care they need at this time as they rely on their heavenly Friend.

➔ **Ascension Worship:** 40 days after Jesus' resurrection He ascended into heaven visibly from His disciples. Knowing that He was now seated at the right hand of the Father in full glory and ruling over all things, they worshipped Him with great joy.



Our opportunity to worship Him is this Thursday, May 13, 7 pm.

➔ **Flowers:** Heidi Nelson will be planting flowers in various places around the church on Sat., May 15, 1pm. Any help would be welcomed!

➔ **Confirmation:** Sunday May 23 is the confirmation of Alexandra Baker, Sienna Boe, and Naomi Story. They have been putting in considerable time to prepare for their public exam which will be at 9 am in the sanctuary. During the worship service they will make their public confirmation vows. May the Lord richly bless the day to His honor and glory.

➔ **School Program:** On May 27, 7 pm, the children of our school will put on a play. For space purposes, only immediate family members of the students are permitted to attend. The event will be live-streamed at www.youtube.com/channel/UCSiRrWC-R9H-hgJ1NVR2DJA.

➔ **Grace Lutheran School** staff is planning for the 2021-22 school year. If you are interested in enrolling your child in our school, please speak to one of the teachers for an enrollment form.



➔ **Graduates:** Please list any member of Grace that is graduating this year (Jan-Dec 2021) on the sheet on the tract rack table. Include the school's name and the degree. Our Graduation Sunday is May 30. Alexandra Baker will also graduate from Grace School that day.

➔ **Summer Worship Schedule:** On Sunday, May 30, the summer schedule will begin with worship service held at 9 am. Bible Class and Sunday School will be suspended for the summer.



➔ **The Branches:** "The Branches" renewal list is by the guest book. This is a quarterly publication for Christian women. Please check your name if you want to continue receiving this publication, making any corrections to the listed information. If you are not receiving "The Branches" now is the time to add your name to the list. The congregation pays for the subscription.



➔ **Vacation Bible School:** On July 19-23, 9:00-11:30 am, we will be having our VBS. This includes children age 4 years, to children going into eighth grade. Please register your children on the sheet by the guest book. In preparing for VBS, we will need to put together a staff, including teachers and coordinators for crafts and music. Please consider this labor of love and let Pastor know of your willingness.



➔ **Installation:** Rev. Johnathan Schnose, recently received by colloquy into the CLC, will be installed at Bethel Lutheran in Morris, MN, at 4 pm on May 16. Members are invited.

- ➔ **Concluding Activities at Immanuel:** Friday, May 21, will be the final day of classes at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary. In giving the LORD God glory for the various achievements by students and student groups, Class Day will be held at 3 pm. The band will play during this event. At 7:30 pm there will be a concert of sacred music sung by the Mass Choir and Tour Choir. On Saturday, May 22, there will be the concluding Graduation worship service at 10 am. Currently these are being planned for outside on the hill by the Fieldhouse. If there is inclement weather, these events could be held indoors with a limited attendance. As the dates get closer, more details and updates will be posted on the ILC website (ilc.edu). We pray that the students will take what they have learned from the Word of God and treasure the Gospel by expressing their gratitude to the LORD Immanuel in their daily walk with Him.
- ➔ **Porcupine Mountains Youth Camp-Out:** August 11-15, 2021 for Grades 8-12. Camp fee \$85 (from EC) or \$95 (from MN). Lodging and meals are included in this fee. We'll camp at the Union Bay group campsite on Lake Superior. Activities will include devotions, group discussions, hiking, swimming, beach time, lots of different games, and many other activities. It's okay if you haven't camped before, we'll help you learn! We have a limit of 48 campers. Registration deadline is Monday, July 5. Transportation will be provided from Eau Claire, WI. Once registration has closed, we'll send packing lists and forms to be completed by a parent or guardian. Check out the Porcupine Mountains Camp-Out Facebook page to see pictures. Register at www.tinyurl.com/Porkies2021 Questions? Contact Adam Schmid: (608) 386-3714 aschmidy2003@gmail.com.
- ➔ **Women's Retreat West:** Plans are being made for the 2021 Women's Retreat West. The dates are September 17-19, 2021, at Chadron State Park near Chadron, Nebraska. We will be sending out more information in the near future, but if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Colleen Kalblinger (womensretreatwest@gmail.com) or Candy Ohlmann (ocandice@hotmail.com) We look forward to welcoming you back to Nebraska for a weekend of Christian inspiration, fun, and fellowship.

➔ **CLC News:** Recently colloquized Pastor Johnathan Schnose has received and accepted the call to Bethel Lutheran in Morris, MN. † Pastor Chad Seybt of Morning Star Lutheran in Fairchild, Trinity Lutheran in Millston and Peace with God Lutheran in Onalaska has been called as part-time pastor to St. Paul's, Melrose, WI. † Pastor Nathanael Mayhew at Grace Lutheran in Sleepy Eye and Faith Lutheran in New Ulm has returned the call to Living Savior Lutheran in Eden Prairie, MN. † Pastor Caleb Schaller of Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI, has returned the call to Redeemer Lutheran in Sister Lakes, MI. † Teacher Nathan Buck of Valley Bible Academy at St. John's Lutheran at Clarkston, WA, has accepted the call to teach 5th-6th grade at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI. † Teacher Mikkela Hammond of St. Stephen Lutheran in Mountain View, CA (San Francisco area) has been called by Grace Lutheran in Valentine, NE, to be their second full-time teacher for Grades 3-6. † Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN, has modified the call of Mr. Matthew Kranz from 5th & 6th grade to fill their vacant high school position. Additionally, they modified the call of Mrs. Stephanie Roettger from Kindergarten to 5th & 6th grade. These modifications were made by mutual agreement between the called worker and the congregation. † Mrs. Beth Sandeen has returned the call to serve as ILC's part-time on-campus mentor, the female counterpart in the on-campus counseling program, beginning in the 2021-22 academic year. Mrs. April Sydow, member at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI, has now received this call. This role is to complement Mr. Steve Sydow in his current role as the part-time on-campus counselor.

➔ **Sunday School Memory Work: #21 – Third Article (Part 3)**

Last Week's Stats: May 2, 2021 Sun.: 68 Bible Cl.: 27 S.S.: 13

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$4,118	CLC:	\$85
<i>Weekly Need:</i>	<i>Grace:</i>	<i>4,125</i>	<i>CLC:</i>	<i>1,000</i>
<i>-Under / +Over:</i>	<i>Grace:</i>	<i>-7</i>	<i>CLC:</i>	<i>-915</i>
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$70,626	CLC:	\$15,655
<i>Year-to-Date Need:</i>	<i>Grace:</i>	<i>74,250</i>	<i>CLC:</i>	<i>18,000</i>
<i>Year-to-Date (+/-)</i>	<i>Grace:</i>	<i>-3,624</i>	<i>CLC:</i>	<i>-2,345</i>
GLC Other: 102	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	50
SAF Endowment: 0	MDF:	150	Kinship:	20
ILC Student Aid: 0	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF: 0	CEF: 0
<i>Current Balances:</i>	<i>Tuition Aid:</i>	<i>\$594</i>	<i>Organ:</i>	<i>\$12,950</i>

Council Meeting Notes – May 2, 2021

Meeting opened with prayer. April Council minutes read and approved. April treasurers report presented and approved. The expenses this month were greater than the incoming offerings.

Pastors Report

- Comment from Pastor as members return to services after being away during the Covid-19 pandemic. While some might be excited to see these returning members and want to give them a welcoming hug, please keep in mind that they might not yet be comfortable with this close contact.

Board of Elders Report

- Plans are to make masks optional when the mandate has been lifted.
- Use of water fountain may resume in the Fellowship Hall.

Board of Ed Report

- The Iowa Basic tests wrapped up this past week.
- The school play is scheduled for Thursday, May 27. Attendance will be limited to immediate family. Checking into having this live-streamed.
- Rick is planning a field day for Grace's students.
- The last day of school will be Friday, May 28th. A meal will be provided.
- Pastor mentioned that plans are to hold VBS like usual.

Board of Trustees Report

- A quote of \$2,997 to covers parts and installation for updating the church's main entry doors to be handicap accessible. Electrical service will also be needed but hopefully can be done by members.
- The caulking between the concrete wall panels of the church and fellowship hall will need to be replaced soon.
- The bathroom stall walls in the men's bathroom need some work.
- Replacement doors are being considered for the 2 school entrances.
- Sealing the parsonage deck will be done soon.
- Getting a quote for gutters for the south side of the parsonage.
- Since costs for servicing the church's coffee machine were a little high, a quote of \$577.92 was received for purchasing a new one. The new machine has smaller pots and allows for the brewing of one pot while also warming 2 others. The tall coffee dispensers we currently have could still be used. Some discussion on what could be done to clean the current machine.

Other Business

- None

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary William Rust

CLC Financial Report - April

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2020	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 10 Months	Balance 4/30/2021
General Fund	0	807,319	862,836	914,500	- 55,517
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	1,160,302	1,080,220	1,148,450	80,082
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	201,448	23,071	125,702		98,817
ILC Building Projects	14,542	2,152,483	1,083,198		1,083,827
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	84,054	206,797	147,812		143,039
Kinship	86,093	175,048	100,126		161,015
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	1,914,371	2,003,587	462,304		3,455,654
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	84,280	131,447	105,279		110,448
Reserve Fund	294,092	2,985	0		297,077
Total	\$2,678,880	\$4,695,418	\$2,024,421		\$5,349,877

General Fund – April offerings: \$62,808 vs disbursements: \$76,834, resulted in a net shortfall for the month of \$14,026, increasing the General Fund deficit to -\$55,517. Offerings to date are short of our CBP estimated revenue by \$107,181, but YTD disbursements are \$51,664 less than estimated expenses. All are aware of the need to support the General Fund which provides the major funding for the Boards of Missions, Trustees, Regents, & Ed Pub, and the Boards are aware of the importance of remaining under budget. But most importantly, the Lord is aware of our needs & always provides.

ILC Operations – April revenue: \$84,577 (incl \$49,500 subsidy) vs disbursements: \$106,985, but still maintaining a substantial balance for this last month of the school year & last 2 months of the fiscal year, ending June 30. YTD ILC disbursements are \$68,230 less than YTD budgeted expenses.

ILC Building Projects – April offerings: \$1,031 vs disbursements of \$8,757 for Planning Committee expenses. April earnings (Div/Int) were \$3,886 (YTD \$59,605). The Committee is bringing a recommendation for the June 24 CLC Convention for a new gym and repurposing the old gym.

CEF – April revenue: \$20,377 (\$375 offerings, \$20,002 CEF loan payments) vs disbursements: \$3,927. The Trustees have funded CEF loans to Immanuel-Mankato (\$69,000) for gym repairs & Grace-Sleepy Eye (\$132,750), for a teacherage. Recently, they approved loan applications from Messiah, Eau Claire (\$1.45 million limit) for a new school addition, & Prince of Peace, Loveland (\$130,000 limit) for expansion of its church facility. Several others have inquired about CEF loans.

MDF – April offerings: \$6,436 vs disbursements: \$14,012, which includes \$10,000 for the 10th construction grant (of 12 planned) for the Nepal Bible Institute classroom building and quarters.

SAF – April receipts: \$18,772 (\$16,091 SAF loan payments) vs disbursements: \$7,274 for student loans & grants. SAF Endowment Account earnings (Div/Int) of \$35,938 for 10 mo YTD on a portfolio balance of \$1,512,340. Capital appreciation of the portfolio for April was \$55,386.

ILC PMPG – Public Ministry Prep Grants: YTD earnings: \$44,174 vs grants: \$32,400 to 9 teacher & 6 pastor students this school year. The PMP Endowment portfolio had a capital appreciation of \$68,079 for a current value of \$1,858,933. (Note: Since capital gains can fluctuate (+or-) each month, those portfolio gains & balances will be reported periodically & separately from the actual earnings reported each month.)

Kinship – Sponsors/Offerings: \$12,566 vs disbursements: \$490 (Admin, Nigeria Sem students).

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

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: **Maureen Ochsner** Elder: **Dave Rust**

Ushers: **Larry Brandt; Jeremiah Boe; Nick Duehlmeier;
Dale Enns; Duane Enns; Brandon Paplow; Pat Paplow**

Counting Team 3: **Brian Eichstadt; Duane Enns; Tom
Graham; David Hein; Dan Degnan; Benno Sydow**

Church Cleaners: **Sydow** School: **Rinne**

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: **Larry Brandt; Jeremiah Boe; Nick Duehlmeier;
Dale Enns; Duane Enns; Brandon Paplow; Pat Paplow**

Counting Team 4: **James Bomber; Roger Ochsner; Al
Rosendahl; Dave Rust**

Church Cleaners: **Volunteers?** School: **Vandever**

† OUR SCHEDULE †

- Sun., May 9:** 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service (Easter 6)
- Wed., May 12:** 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
6:30-8:00 pm – Confirmation Preparation
- Thu., May 13:** 7:00 pm – Ascension Day Worship Service
- Sat., May 15:** 1:00 pm – Church Flower Planting
- Sun., May 16:** 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service (Easter 7)
1:00 pm – Immanuel Keyboard Concert
- Fri., May 21:** 3:00 pm – Immanuel Class Day (Eau Claire, WI)
7:30 pm – Immanuel Spring Concert (Eau Claire, WI)
- Sat., May 22:** 10:00 am – Immanuel Graduation Service (Eau Claire, WI)
- Sun., May 23:** 9:00 am – Confirmation Examination
10:00 am – Worship Service (Confirmation/Pentecost)
11:00 am – Confirmation Reception (outdoor)
- Thu., May 27:** 7:00 pm – Grace School Spring Program (immediate family)
- Fri., May 28:** 12:00 pm – Grace School Dismissal for Summer
- Sun., May 30:** Graduation Sunday & Summer Worship Schedule Begins
9:00 am – Worship Service (no Bible Class/Sunday School)
- Mon., May 31:** Memorial Day
- Sat., June 5:** 10:00 am – MN Delegate Conference (Mankato, MN)
- June 24-27:** CLC Convention (Eau Claire, WI)
- July 19-23:** 9:00-11:30 am – Vacation Bible School
- Sun., Aug. 22:** 3:00 pm – Immanuel Opening Service
- Mon., Aug. 30:** Opening Day of Grace School