

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 8

Date: July 18, 2021

✠ **WORSHIP INFORMATION** ✠

Hymns:

TLH 5: Lord, Open Thou My Heart to Hear
TLH 296: Speak, O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth
TLH 290: We Have a Sure Prophetic Word
TLH 283: God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalms 119A, TLH p.149

Liturgy:

TLH, p. 5 (Projected)
TLH 246:1,4

Scripture Readings:

Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:7-13

Sermon: Amos 7:10-15

¹⁰ Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹ "For thus Amos has said: 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, And Israel shall surely be led away captive From their own land.'" ¹² Then Amaziah said to Amos: "Go, you seer! Flee to the land of Judah. There eat bread, And there prophesy. ¹³ But never again prophesy at Bethel, For it *is* the king's sanctuary, And it *is* the royal residence." ¹⁴ Then Amos answered, and said to Amaziah: "I *was* no prophet, Nor *was* I a son of a prophet, But I *was* a sheepbreeder And a tender of sycamore fruit. ¹⁵ Then the LORD took me as I followed the flock, And the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to My people Israel.'" (NKJVTM)

ARE YOU ABLE TO BEAR GOD'S WORDS?

✝ **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. Face coverings are optional. Thank you for being mindful of your fellow Christians, understanding that there are differing sensitivities about the pandemic.

- ➔ **Vacation Bible School:** This week, 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. There is also a signup list for those willing to supply snacks, anticipating about 20-25 children and staff.
- ➔ **Harvest Festival:** Prince of Peace Lutheran of Hecla, SD, welcomes you to their annual Harvest Festival, 4 pm, Sunday, Aug. 8. An outdoor service will be held on the grounds of the Guelph School, followed by a turkey barbecue dinner. This is a different location from last year. Guelph, ND, is between Ellendale and Oakes ND, one mile off ND-11 at the sign which directs you north. Turn right into Guelph, and you will find the school grounds just past the three houses in town. You will see plenty of parked cars. For more information, contact pastor_daub@hotmail.com or (605) 994-2145.
- ➔ **CLC News:** Pastor Mark Tiefel of Redemption Lutheran in Lynnwood, WA, has received the call to Living Savior Lutheran in Eden Prairie, MN. ✝ Rev. Luke Willitz, recently colloquized, has received the call to Redeemer Lutheran in Cheyenne, WY.



"Your Word is a lamp to my feet"

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 E-Devotion – Thursday, July 15, 2021

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Seeking Spiritual Mettle Rather than the Olympic Kind

How strange is this kind of thinking, reasoning, or boasting. As far as the unbelieving world is concerned, strength is found in having status, power, influence, wealth. In our humanistic, secularist society, it's a sign of weakness to trust in anyone but oneself. For sure, few accolades are accorded those who rely on supernatural faith and trust in God (whether the one true God of the Bible or any other supposed supreme being).

Dear Christians, the sinful nature is so much with us too yet, isn't it? Here is how one man puts it: "We do not want suffering; we want success. We identify not with those who are low and hurt but with those who are high and healthy. We don't like lepers or losers very well; we prefer climbers and comers. For Christians the temptation to be conformed to this world is desperately sweet and strong. Yet, says the apostle Paul, we are children of God IF we suffer with Christ ..."

The Summer Olympics will soon be happening in Tokyo, Japan. We will again be viewing the athletic talents of those who have trained hard to achieve whole-body fitness and world-class excellence in their events. Nothing wrong with that, provided one has and keeps the Godly perspective-as Paul would write his young co-worker Timothy: "Bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having the promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come" (1 Timothy 4:8).

Since the Olympic games began in ancient Greece, the Corinthians knew what Paul was talking about when he told them this: "Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it" (1 Corinthians 9:24f).

Most of us will never be able to boast of winning an Olympic medal. Yet all of us have much to boast about: "Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me ... for when I am weak, then I am strong."

Savior, Since of Zion's city I through grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in Your Name.
Fading are the world's vain pleasures, All their boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasures None but Zion's children know.

(Lutheran Service Book, 648:4)

Council Meeting Notes – July 11, 2021

Meeting opened with prayer. June Council meeting minutes read & approved. Treasurer's report reviewed and approved. Higher than normal offerings.

Pastor's Report

- Motion approved to accept the transfer of Kevin and Sandy Hulke from Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI.
- An insert pertaining to the new organ was included in last week's bulletin. This week's bulletin contained an insert on the Convention. Pastor recommends reading each.
- VBS volunteers are now in place: Rick Nelson, Jan Davis, and Barb Sydow with Pastor for teaching; Janelle Hein will help with crafts & Jan Davis with music.
- Pastor Terrel Kesterson accepted an invite to preach for Mission Festival tentatively for Oct 10. Travel expenses for airfare will be covered.

Board of Elders Report

- The organ committee may visit Messiah in Eau Claire to learn about their organ. The demo organ will be in church for July and maybe into August. Cost for the demo organ is ~\$44K and includes a 10-year warranty. Getting a new organ like the demo organ is ~\$53k while one like Messiah's is ~\$83k.

Board of Education Report

- Recently a 2nd grade non-member was accepted for enrollment. Total enrollment is now 25.

Board of Trustees Report

- The new door opener that was recently installed has a switch on the bottom of the unit with 3 positions. Recommendation is keeping it in "Automatic."
- A total of three bids have been received for replacing the outdoor caulking between the outside wall panels of the church and fellowship hall totaling between \$4,500-\$5,200. Discussed advantages of silicon over polypropylene.
- School carpets will be cleaned after VBS but before school starts.
- Preventative drain cleaning will be scheduled for the main sewer line.
- Still working on getting a contractor to replace the 2 school doors.
- Regarding church keys, the Trustees are considering switching some doors to use key fobs. Doing so would allow a key fob to be deactivated if it were lost.
- Playground equipment needs some attention to improve its overall safety.

Other Business

- Discussion constitution about a person must be a voting member for a full year before becoming eligible for elected positions.
- Church Improvement Committee – Rick plans to bring to the Voters his plans for forming a committee to help with the sanctuary improvements.

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary William Rust

CLC Financial Report - June

| CLC Financial Report Operating Funds | Balance 7/1/2020 | YTD Revenue | YTD Disbursed | Budget 12 Months | Balance 6/30/2021 |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| General Fund | 0 | 998,765 | 1,037,570 | 1,097,400 | – 38,805 |
| ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy) | 0 | 1,329,126 | 1,332,554 | 1,378,140 | – 3,428 |
| <u>Auxiliary Funds</u> | | | | | |
| ILC Improvement Fund (IIF) | 201,448 | 52,159 | 129,017 | | 124,590 |
| ILC Building Projects | 14,542 | 2,176,220 | 1,094,046 | | 1,096,716 |
| Mission Development Fund (MDF) | 84,054 | 244,700 | 196,441 | | 132,313 |
| Kinship | 86,093 | 242,254 | 146,228 | | 182,119 |
| Church Extension Fund (CEF) | 1,914,371 | 2,132,149 | 518,635 | | 3,527,885 |
| Student Aid Fund (SAF) | 84,280 | 160,138 | 110,833 | | 133,585 |
| Reserve Fund | 294,092 | 5,067 | 0 | | 299,159 |
| Total | \$2,678,880 | \$5,012,687 | \$2,195,200 | | \$5,496,367 |

General Fund – June offerings: \$115,970 vs disbursements: \$80,858, resulted in a net gain for June of \$35,112, reducing the closing General Fund deficit to –\$38,805. Offerings at year end fell short of CBP estimated budget revenues by \$98,635, but disbursements at year end were \$59,830 less than estimated expenses. The four Boards (Missions, Trustees, Regents, & Ed Pub) did their best to stay under budget & our members did their best to bring their offerings for the budget. But in the end, the Lord has done the best of all, sacrificing His Son to cover our eternal deficit, and also blessing us with a Reserve from previous years of His abundant blessings to cover these material shortfalls! The Trustees will transfer funds from the Reserve Fund to cover these year-end deficits. Our Boards will start the new fiscal year with a new budget of our congregations' estimated offerings for the estimated work they have approved our boards to do! .

ILC Operations – June revenue: \$77,164 (incl \$49,500 subsidy) vs disbursements: \$136,182, but with the May balance of \$55,590 ended the fiscal year with a small deficit.

ILC Building Projects – June offerings were \$770 plus some portfolio capital gains and no disbursements from the Planning Committee. June earnings (Div/Int) were \$5,010 for a fiscal year total of \$66,068. The Committee presented footprints & renderings of the proposed multi-level new gym facility to the recent CLC Convention. The Convention Proceedings will report the resolutions of the delegates for this project and other Convention actions when it is published in August.

CEF – June revenue: \$42,350 (\$42,260 loan payments,\$90 offerings) vs disbursements: \$40,458 (incl \$36,748 note repayments & interest). Over the next several months of the calendar year, the Trustees will be funding new CEF congregational building loans of \$1.58 million.

MDF – June offerings: \$30,363 of several special offerings vs disbursements of \$11,042, which includes the 12th & final \$10,000 building construction grant for the Nepal Bible Institute facility.

SAF – June receipts: \$22,193 from several lump sum SAF student loan re-payments & a \$2,370 gift.

Kinship – June Offerings: \$57,531 (\$30k special gift) vs disbursed: \$26,312 Medical & Disaster Aid.

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. (Malachi 3:10)

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

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: **Maureen Ochsner** Elder: **Eli Wales**

Ushers: **Al Rosendahl; James Bomber; Jack Maki; John Maki; Keith Radichel; Grant Wells**

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

Church Cleaners: **Sandhoefner**

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: **Al Rosendahl; James Bomber; Jack Maki; John Maki; Keith Radichel; Grant Wells**

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

Church Cleaners: **Volunteers?**

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., July 18: 9:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost 8)
10:15 am – Voters & Dorcas Guild Meetings

July 19-23: 9:00-11:30 am – Vacation Bible School

Sun., July 25: 9:00 am – Worship Service w/VBS Review (Pentecost 9)

Sun., Aug. 1: 9:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper (Pentecost 10)

Sat., Aug. 7: 9:00 am – Grace School Work Day

Sun., Aug. 22: 3:00 pm – Immanuel Opening Service

Mon., Aug. 30: Opening Day of Grace School

Last Week's Stats: July 11, 2021 Sun.: 63

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| Sun. Offering: | Grace: | \$4,413 | CLC: | \$1,450 |
| Weekly Need: | Grace: | 4,125 | CLC: | 1,000 |
| -Under / +Over: | Grace: | +287 | CLC: | +450 |
| Year-to-Date Offering: | Grace: | \$121,865 | CLC: | \$31,439 |
| Year-to-Date Need: | Grace: | 115,500 | CLC: | 28,000 |
| Year-to-Date (+/-) | Grace: | +6,365 | CLC: | +3,439 |
| GLC Other: 378 | Living Faith: 5 | Tuition Aid: 65 | | |
| SAF Endowment: 0 | MDF: 10 | Kinship: 317 | | |
| ILC Student Aid: 15 | ILC Bldg. 0 | IIF: 0 CEF: 0 | | |
| Current Balances: | Tuition Aid: \$2,374 | Organ: \$16,050 | | |



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