

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 9

Date: July 25, 2021

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 629: Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds

WS 753: Let the Children Come to Me

After Sermon:

VBS – WS 785: Children of the Heavenly Father

LSB 866: Lord Jesus Christ, the Children's Friend

WS 800, st. 2,4: Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Liturgy:

TLH, p. 5 (Adapted)

Readings: TLH 302

Lord's Prayer: TLH 552

Scripture Readings:

Luke 8; 2 Kings 5;

2 Kings 22-23; 1 Samuel 17

Sermon: Mark 10:13-16

¹³ Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought *them*. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw *it*, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. ¹⁵ "Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." ¹⁶ And He took them up in His arms, put *His* hands on them, and blessed them. (NKJVTM)



Voter Meeting Notes – July 18, 2021

Meeting opened with prayer. April Voters meeting minutes read & approved. Treasurer's report presented & approved.

Pastor's Report

- Ed and Verona Lentz transferred to Living Savior in Eden Prairie.
- Kevin and Sandy Hulke transferred to Grace from Messiah in Eau Claire.
- Motion passed to ratify the communicant membership of the confirmands: Alexandra Baker, Sienna Boe, and Naomi Story.
- MN Delegate Conference held on June 5. CLC Convention held June 24-27. At Convention, the Joint Statement was not accepted. A new gym for ILC was proposed while other needs around the CLC were discussed as well.
- VBS will be this coming week. Roughly 23 children are scheduled to attend. The staff is all set.
- Pastor Terrel Kesterson (Batavia, IL) accepted an invite to preach for Mission Festival tentatively for Oct 10. Travel expenses for airfare will be covered.

Board of Elders Report

- Plans are to return to pre-COVID protocols once the Fall service schedule begins. Ushers will return to passing the offering plates through the pews.
- Organ Update: Committee has met a few times. Other CLC congregations have been contacted as part of the committee's research. Secured the use of a digital demo organ from Phoenix through CLC member, Barry Hay, for all of July and into August. Considered pipe organs as an option but they are more expensive. The purchase of an organ should be considered an investment that will last 25-30 years. The 2019 demo organ is ~\$45k, similar new organ is ~\$53k. Demo would include a 10-year warranty. No recommendation yet from the committee since evaluations haven't been completed. Messiah in Eau Claire and Gethsemane in Spokane Valley have higher level Phoenix organs which run ~\$85k. Speakers would be placed behind altar in the upper level w/holes cut in the wall for speakers. The committee is considering a visit to Messiah in Eau Claire to learn about their organ. Organ pipes could be used as a decorative cover for the speaker openings. Replacement parts are perhaps easier to acquire since they aren't exclusive to Phoenix and are readily available. A suggestion made to set a fundraising goal to keep the members informed and only make the organ purchase when most of the funds have been acquired.

Board of Education Report

- The school year finished up with little impact from COVID.
- A field day for Grace's students was held at the school.
- Iowa Basic tests were held.
- A total of 3 new non-member students have been enrolled for the upcoming school year. Total enrollment is projected to be 25.

Board of Trustees Report

- The new door opener has a switch on the bottom of the unit. Recommend using the “Automatic” setting which enables the switches. “Hold Open” can be used in warmer weather if ushers choose to keep the doors open.
- Upcoming projects include refinishing the parsonage deck and getting gutters installed on the south side of the parsonage.
- Estimates (~\$4k) have been received for replacing caulk in the outdoor seams of the outer walls of the church and fellowship hall.
- The 2 school entry door frames are rusting and will need to be replaced. Work is being done to line up a contractor.
- Playground equipment is being worked on to improve its overall safety.
- Funds remain for fire restoration work. Quotes are being sought for the driveway repair which still needs to be completed. Will be able to replace the remaining lost items with funds still available.

Other Business

- Motion to form a committee to work on the sanctuary improvement project consisting of John Maki, Rick Nelson, Krista Sandhoefner, and Barb Sydow.

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary William Rust

✠ 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:** We thank the staff for helping out this past week and for making this effort a spiritually edifying experience for the children. 25 children attended during the week with an average attendance of 20.8.



➔ **Harvest Festival:** Prince of Peace Lutheran of Hecla, SD, welcomes you to their annual Harvest Festival, 4 pm, Sun., Aug. 8. An outdoor service will be held on the grounds of the Guelph School. For more information, contact pastor_daub@hotmail.com or (605) 994-2145.

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!

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: **Jan Davis**

Elder: **Eli Wales**

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?**

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

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

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

Church Cleaners: **Anderson**

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

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. 8: 9:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost 11)

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

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

Last Week's Stats: July 18, 2021 Sun.: 78

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$1,109	CLC:	\$315
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,125	CLC:	1,000
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-3,016	CLC:	-658
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$122,974	CLC:	\$31,754
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	119,625	CLC:	29,000
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+3,349	CLC:	+2,754
GLC Other: 125	Living Faith: 0	Tuition Aid: 8		
SAF Endowment: 0	MDF: 0	Kinship: 10		
ILC Student Aid: 0	ILC Bldg. 0	IIF: 0 CEF: 0		
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid: \$2,382	Organ: \$16,125		



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