

# Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup>

Church Year: Pentecost 13

Date: August 22, 2021

## ✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

### Hymns:

TLH 540: With the Lord Begin Thy Task

TLH 427: How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord

TLH 529: I Leave All Things to God's Direction

TLH 54: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

### Worship Prep:

Psalms 31, TLH p. 130

### Liturgy:

TLH, p. 5 (Projected)

Gloria: TLH 239:1,4

### Scripture Readings:

Esther 1 & 2 (selected)

Romans 8:28

### Sermon: Esther 4:13-16

<sup>13</sup> And Mordecai told *them* to answer Esther: "Do not think in your heart that you will escape in the king's palace any more than all the other Jews. <sup>14</sup> "For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for *such* a time as this?" <sup>15</sup> Then Esther told *them* to reply to Mordecai: <sup>16</sup> "Go, gather all the Jews who are present in Shushan, and fast for me; neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will fast likewise. And so I will go to the king, which *is* against the law; and if I perish, I perish!" (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

**I LEAVE ALL THINGS TO  
GOD'S DIRECTION**

# ✝ *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](http://FridleyLutheran.org). Face coverings are optional. Thank you for being mindful of your fellow Christians, understanding that there are differing sensitivities about the pandemic.

- ➔ **Service Schedule:** The Sunday schedule will be changing on September 12. Sunday School and Bible Class will begin at 9:00 am with regular morning worship at 10:00 am. Our members are strongly encouraged to take advantage of these classes to strengthen themselves spiritually through the "one thing needful" during their life's journey. As Jesus said in Luke 11:28: "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"
- ➔ **Sunday School:** Those interested in teaching or subbing may speak with Pastor.
- ➔ **School Update:** The opening service for Grace Lutheran School will be held next Monday, Aug. 30, 8 am. This is open to all. Currently there are 28 students enrolled, 13 members and 15 non-members. Given space restraints with current staffing, the Board of Education is closing enrollment for the rest of the year and a waiting list is being utilized with parents encouraged to consider contacting in March of 2022. There have been many calls expressing interest in the school.
- ➔ **Address Updates:**
  - Ben & Barb Crandall: 1830 Hansack Ave NE; St. Michael MN 55376
  - Karie Davis: 15 Huntington Street, Apt. 3; New London, CT 06320
  - Rick & Heidi Nelson: 7440 Tempo Terrace NE; Fridley, MN 55432
  - Kevin & Sandy Hulke: 29985 Norway Ave.; Lindstrom, MN 55045
- ➔ **Prayers:** Pastor Samuel Cheneken, one of our main pastors in Liberia, requests our prayers. His father passed away this past week. Pastor Cheneken serves as pastor of a startup group called St. Prince Lutheran in Monrovia and is the pastor and main administrator for CAFOL, a school he established and maintains for what he terms "unfortunate children." May the LORD comfort Him in this time.
- ➔ **Thanks!** A number of projects have been completed recently by various volunteers and by Trustee activity: automatic entrance door, resealing outdoor concrete panels, classroom preparations, staining the parsonage deck, stocking church supplies, resurfacing and striping the parking lot, AC updates in parsonage and fellowship hall, checklist items in the parsonage, etc.

REGULAR **WORSHIP** SCHEDULE RESUMES 

- ➔ **Man Up! Retreat:** The 2021 ManUp! Men's Retreat will be held Sept. 30-Oct. 3 at Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI., with the theme: "No Fear!" The cost is \$75 before Sept. 1, and includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website: [www.manup.clclutheran.org](http://www.manup.clclutheran.org).
- ➔ **CLC News:** Pastor Mark Tiefel of Redemption Lutheran in Lynnwood, WA (Seattle area), has returned the call to Living Savior Lutheran in Eden Prairie, MN. † Recently colloquized Rev. Luke Willitz has returned the call to Redeemer Lutheran in Cheyenne, WY. Pastor Ben Libby of Ascension Lutheran in Tacoma, WA, has now received this call. † Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ, has returned the call to Faith Lutheran Church at Manchester, MO (St. Louis area). Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran in Rapid City, SD, also received and returned this call. Retired Pastor John Schierenbeck has received and returned the vacancy call to this congregation. † Former CLC Pastor, Rev. Michael Sprengeler, has received the calls to Redeemer Lutheran in Bowdle, SD, as well as to Zion Lutheran in Ipswich, SD. † Per mutual agreement, Immanuel Lutheran of Mankato, MN, modified the call of Teacher Matthew Kranz from 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade to fill their vacant high school position. Additionally, they modified the call of Teacher Stephanie Roettger from Kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade. † Mrs. Louise Mayhew has received the call to serve a one-year, part-time call, teaching the upper grades at Grace Lutheran in Valentine, NE. † Pastor Michael Eichstadt informed the pastors of the CLC recently that retired Prof. John Reim has discontinued his membership in the CLC due to the CLC Convention's resolution this past summer to not adopt the Joint Statement as a settlement of differences between the CLC and the WELS/ELS regarding the doctrine of the termination of church fellowship. † Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld will be installed at Redeemer Lutheran in Sister Lakes, MI, next Sunday, August 29, 4 pm (EDT) with a potluck meal to follow.

**Last Week's Stats:** Aug. 15, 2021 Sun.: 62

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$5,728*	CLC:	\$330
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,125	CLC:	1,000
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+1,603	CLC:	-670
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$138,484	CLC:	\$34,124
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	136,125	CLC:	33,000
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+2,359	CLC:	+1,124
GLC Other: 270	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	0
SAF Endowment: 0	MDF:	0	Kinship:	220
ILC Student Aid: 0	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF: 0	CEF: 0
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid:	\$2,412	Organ:	\$18,945
* \$2,450 in school tuition				

# CLC E-Devotion – Wednesday, August 18, 2021

Psalm 24:1 The earth is the Lord's and everything in it.

## The Earth Is the Lord's

The farmer goes out to the field and through him God provides bread for the table, vegetables and fruits; for the earth is the Lord's and everything in it.

The rancher rides out to check his cattle and through him God provides meat for households far and wide; for the earth is the Lord's and everything in it.

The miner descends into the depths of the earth and through him God provides gold and silver, iron and steel; for the earth is the Lord's and everything in it.

Scientists and researchers, inventors and designers figure and plan, compute and calculate and draw and through them God provides machines and medicines, labor-saving and life-saving devices; for the earth is the Lord's and everything in it.

We walk the aisles of our stores; we look, we choose, we buy; but it is God who provides for us all. He opens His hand and we receive; for the earth is the Lord's and everything in it.

“Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!” (Psalm 107:8).

Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning;  
sheltering you under his wings, and so gently sustaining!  
Have you not seen all that is needful  
has been sent by his gracious ordaining?  
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!



## CLC Financial Report - July

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2021	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 1 Month	Balance 7/31/2021
<b>General Fund</b>	0	82,414	113,916	104,952	- 31,502
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	76,086	136,961	120,676	- 60,875
<b>Auxiliary Funds</b>					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	124,590	575	292		124,873
ILC Building Projects	1,096,716	815	0		1,097,531
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	132,313	6,576	5,324		133,565
Kinship	182,119	20,335	16,350		186,104
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	3,527,885	20,504	3,660		3,544,729
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	133,585	5,458	880		138,163
CLC Reserve Fund	300,222	0	0		300,222
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,497,430</b>	<b>\$54,263</b>	<b>\$26,506</b>		<b>\$5,525,187</b>

**General Fund** – July offerings: \$82,414 **VS** disbursements: \$113,916. Offerings were \$22,538 short of the budget and disbursements were \$8964 over budget, resulting in the -\$31,502 net loss for the 1<sup>st</sup> month of FY22. The General Fund deficit of \$35,112 at the close of FY21 was paid from the CLC Reserve Fund. Note: Positive year end balances of the CLC Boards go into the Reserve Fund, negative year end balances come out of the Reserve Fund, resulting in an opening balance of \$0 for the new fiscal year, and a starting balance of \$300,222 in the CLC Reserve Fund. The Reserve Fund does have some earnings during the fiscal year from being invested in the Investment Pool.

The FY22 General Fund budget is the subsidy to fund our 4 Boards (Missions, Trustees, Regents, & Ed Pub) & totals \$1,259,430 for the fiscal year, or \$104,952/month. It needs our regular support!

**ILC Operations** – July revenue of \$76,085 (incl \$61,667 subsidy) **VS** disbursements of \$136,961, resulted in a budget deficit of -\$60,875, which is not unusual for a summer month when school is not in session. That deficit will recover with student revenue when school begins August 23.

**ILC Building Projects** – July revenue: \$815 in offerings **VS** \$0 disbursements. July earnings (Div/Int) were \$4,648 and will be booked with August receipts. The Convention Proceedings will report the resolutions of the delegates for this project and other Convention actions when it is published soon.

**CEF** – July revenue: \$20,504 (incl \$65 offerings) **VS** disbursements: \$3,660 admin expense. Over the next few months the Trustees will fund new CEF congregational building loans of \$1.25 million.

**MDF** – July revenue: \$6,576 in offerings **VS** disbursements of \$5,324, including \$3,100 Africa outreach; \$1,200 bicycles/motorcycles, & \$1,024 admin expenses.

**SAF** – July receipts: \$5,458 (\$3,753 SAF loan repayments & \$1,705 gifts) **VS** \$880 admin expenses.

**Kinship** – July Offerings: \$20,335 (\$13,261 offerings, \$6,045 sponsors) **VS** disbursed: \$16,350 (\$7,410 orphanages, \$8,850 Sem students, \$90 widows).

*“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: **Dave Rust**

Ushers: **Gary Gunther; Bob Maki; Bill Rust; David Stifter;  
Joel Stifter; Bob Vandever**

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

Church Cleaners: **Fleischer**

## † NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: **Gary Gunther; Bob Maki; Bill Rust; David Stifter;  
Joel Stifter; Bob Vandever**

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

Church Cleaners: **Oman**

## † OUR SCHEDULE †

- Sun., Aug. 22:** 9:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost 13)  
3:00 pm – Immanuel Opening Service @ Eau Claire, WI
- Sun., Aug. 29:** 9:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost 14)
- Mon., Aug. 30:** 8:00 am – Grace School Opening Service
- Wed., Sept. 1:** 4:30-6:15 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
- Sun., Sept. 5:** 9:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper (Pentecost 15)
- Mon., Sept. 6:** Labor Day – No School
- Tue., Sept. 7:** Grace School – 45<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary (9/7/1976)
- Sun., Sept. 12:** **Return to Regular Schedule**  
9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School  
10:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost 16)  
10:15 am – Special Voters Meeting  
11:00 am – Council Meeting
- Sun., Sept. 19:** Annual Church Picnic
- Wed., Sept. 22:** CLC Coordinating Council Meeting
- Oct. 5-6:** Minnesota Pastoral Conference (Austin, MN)
- Sun., Oct. 10:** Mission Festival w/Pastor Terrel Kesterson
- Oct. 20-22:** CLC Teachers' Conference (Hales Corners, WI)

*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 Pastor Hein. He would be delighted to visit with you!*

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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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