

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Date: July 24, 2022

✠ **WORSHIP INFORMATION** ✠

Hymns:

TLH 41: Wondrous King, All-Glorious

TLH 346: Jesus! And Shall it Ever Be

TLH 507: Spread, Oh, Spread, Thou Mighty Word

TLH 283: God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalms 66, TLH p. 147 f.

Liturgy:

WS p. 12 (Projected)

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 66:10-14

Galatians 6:1-10, 14-16

Sermon: Luke 10:1-12, 16-20

¹ After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go. ² Then He said to them, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. ³ "Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves. ⁴ "Carry neither money bag, knapsack, nor sandals; and greet no one along the road. ⁵ "But whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house.' ⁶ "And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you. ⁷ "And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not go from house to house. ⁸ "Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you. ⁹ "And heal the sick there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰ "But whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹ 'The very dust of your city which clings to us we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near you.' ¹² "But I say to you that it will be more tolerable in that Day for Sodom than for that city. ... ¹⁶ "He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me." ¹⁷ Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." ¹⁸ And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ "Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. ²⁰ "Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven." (NKJVTM)

REJECTION IS PART OF THE LORD'S GAME PLAN

✝ ***THE ANNOUNCEMENTS*** ✝

- ➔ **Vacation Bible School:** This week we will be having VBS, Mon.-Fri., 9:00-11:30 am. This includes children age 4 years, to children going into 8th grade. Currently there are 27 children registered. Please speak with Pastor Hein this morning should there be any additional children who may come. There is also a signup list for those willing to supply snacks.
- ➔ **Summer Hospitality:** If anyone wishes to host any of the Sundays in summer, please sign up on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.
- ➔ **Virtual Women's Retreat:** A women's event is planned for two hours on Sat., Aug. 27, 11 am to 1 pm (CDT), via Zoom. The event theme is: "Press Pause: God's Daily Encouragement in the Moments of Life." This will include speakers from CLC congregations around the country in a panel session focused on personal devotions for all types of schedules. Breakout groups will be included for discussion and sharing. Register at: tinyurl.com/Gethsemane-Lutheran. This is a free event on Zoom. Contact Tina Eichstadt (teichstadt@gmail.com, 651-398-2386) with questions.
- ➔ **Man Up! Retreat:** The 2022 ManUp! Men's Retreat will be held Sept. 22-25, at Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI, for men 18 and older. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. Register and send in your payment by Aug. 31 for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 on Sept. 1. The registration includes lodging and meals. You can register at: www.manup.clclutheran.org.
- ➔ **Kenya & Uganda Mission Trip Blog:** Bwana asafiwe! (Swahili for "Praise the Lord!"). Pastor Luke Bernthal of St. Stephen, Mountain View & Hayward, CA, and Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross, Phoenix, AZ are currently in their final week of a 3-week mission trip visiting our CLC Kinship-sponsored schools (St. David's in Etago, and Emmaus in the Moi's Bridge area), as well as our churches and pastors in Kenya and Uganda. A daily blog with pictures and videos documenting their trip and the work of the Lord in these churches and schools can be found by clicking this link: clckenyauganda.blogspot.com. The Mission Helper trip in Zambia also has a blog at: 2022clcmhtzambia.blogspot.com.



- ➔ **Harvest Festival:** Prince of Peace Lutheran Church of Hecla, SD, welcomes you to its annual Harvest Festival, 4 pm, Sun., Aug. 14. An outdoor service will be held on the grounds of the historic Guelph School (Guelph, ND), followed by a turkey barbecue dinner. Please let us know if you plan on traveling from a distance to join us for the day. For more info., contact pastor_daub@hotmail.com/605.994.2145.
- ➔ **Book:** Deborah Ude's fifth book, *Called Katie Belle*, is now available. Annabelle Kathleen Delainey (Katie Belle) is born 100 years to the day after Nan of Steeple in the Distance, in the same house, and with the same last name. Much of the story will, however, take place on the campus of the Lutheran boarding school, Emmaus. It is available in printed form at the CLC Bookstore or directly from John Ude, john.ude@ilc.edu (\$12.00). It is available on Amazon in print or digital format: <https://tinyurl.com/CalledKatieBelle>. (\$11.99 and \$2.99) For more information on this book or her other books go to this link: <https://tinyurl.com/CalledKatieBelle5>
- ➔ **CLC News:** Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran in Rapid City, SD, has returned the calls to both Ascension Lutheran in Tacoma, WA, and to Redemption Lutheran in Lynnwood, WA (Seattle area). Pastor Drew Naumann of Trinity Lutheran in Spokane, WA, has received the call to serve as vacancy pastor to these two congregations.

Facebook Page: If you're on Facebook, be sure to like or share items that are on the Grace Lutheran Church page. This can help promote the page to others, along with events that we publicize there.



The more shares, etc., the more Facebook promotes our church page to others.



"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 – July 16, 2022

Matthew 3:4 John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt round his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey.

What Kind of Pastor Do You Want?

What if your pastor ate bugs? That would be strange. What if he still wore 70's fashion polyester coats? To some people's way of thinking, that would be stranger yet.

John the Baptist didn't wear polyester, but he did eat locusts. How strange that was, I'm not sure. But certainly John presented himself in a way that showed he wasn't interested in gaining personal popularity and prestige. He wasn't a man who changed his message to suit the times, or who aimed to make his listeners feel comfortable about themselves.

What kind of pastor do you want? Pastors come in all shapes and sizes. Some are short. Some are bald. Some are both. Some of them like to wear baseball caps even when dressed in a suit and tie. Some of them are a little round at the middle. Some have bushy eyebrows. Many of them couldn't match a tie with their shirt and pants to save their lives. Some of them may even be shy and awkward.

What kind of pastor do you want? Thank God if you have a pastor like John the Baptist, a pastor who is committed to preaching nothing but the Word, whether in style or not. You may not always like to hear what such a pastor has to say. When his message hits your heart, convicting you of sin, it may make you feel uncomfortable. When his preaching exposes false teachers, you may wish he wouldn't be so direct. ("What if there are visitors in church who get angry and won't come back after hearing such preaching?")

But if your pastor preaches the Bible, and nothing but the Bible, thank God! He's a man who will be tough on sin and false teaching, but who will also lead you Sunday after Sunday to the foot of Jesus' cross. He will strive to lay on your heart that sweet news of full and free forgiveness in the world's one and only Savior. In short, his preaching will be what God is looking for: preaching that prepares the sinner for paradise.

Your pastor isn't perfect. He's a sinner just like you. He may need to work on being more tactful. The rough edges of his personality may need to be smoothed over. He would probably be the first to say that he needs to hone his preaching and teaching skills. But if he is a preacher fashioned by God in the mold of John the Baptist, a preacher of Law and Gospel, thank God for sending you such a man. Please, also pray for him. Now more than ever, faithful pastors need the prayers of God's people.

CLC Financial Report - June

| CLC Financial Report Operating Funds | Balance 7/1/2021 | YTD Revenue | YTD Disbursed | Budget 12 Month | Balance 6/30/2022 |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| General Fund | 0 | 1,049,264 | 1,147,935 | 1,260,000 | - 98,671 |
| ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy) | 0 | 1,533,160 | 1,443,888 | 1,447,200 | 89,272 |
| Auxiliary Funds | | | | | |
| ILC Improvement Fund (IIF) ** | 124,590 | 413,793 | 315,039 | | 223,344 |
| ILC Building Projects ** | 1,096,716 | 173,408 | 24,392 | | 1,245,732 |
| Mission Development Fund (MDF) | 132,313 | 212,179 | 175,759 | | 168,733 |
| Kinship | 182,119 | 181,496 | 169,177 | | 194,438 |
| Church Extension Fund (CEF) ** | 3,527,885 | 242,915 | 1,231,645 | | 2,539,155 |
| Student Aid Fund (SAF) ** | 133,585 | 97,302 | 103,481 | | 127,406 |
| CLC Reserve Fund**(YTD gains/losses) | 300,222 | 3,311 | 0 | | 303,533 |
| Auxiliary Funds Totals | \$5,497,430 | \$1,324,404 | \$2,019,493 | | \$4,802,341 |

General Fund – June offerings were \$100,519 (incl \$4,900 special) **VS** disbursements of \$17,216, a very **positive** monthly cash flow of **\$83,303**, to reduce the year end General Fund shortfall to – \$98,671, despite the best efforts of our 4 Boards to stay under budget & of our membership to bring their offerings for the Lord's work. But the Lord has blessed us with a Reserve Fund from previous years of His blessings, which the CLC Trustees will use to cover this shortfall in these difficult times! Best of all, despite our shortfalls our Lord has paid for & covered our eternal debt with His blood! What a great incentive for us to start a new fiscal year with the promise of His continued blessing!

ILC Operations – June student revenue \$12,087 **VS** disbursements of \$111,603. With the positive balance of \$89,272, no subsidy was needed this final month, which has aided the General Fund!

IIF – June receipts: \$26,188 (\$23,500 special gift), **VS** \$4,928 disbursed. Div/Int income FY22: \$4,002.

ILC Bldg – June recpt: \$3,348 (\$2,453/mo bequest) **VS** disb :\$10,097. Div/Int income FY22: \$48,860.

CEF – June receipts: \$32,119 loan repayments, \$70 gifts **VS** disbursed: \$8,359 Admin, Notes. Div/Int income FY22: \$81,233.

MDF – June receipts: \$32,315 (\$17,089 sp gift) **VS** disbursed \$36,687: (\$25,000 church building assistance; \$1,500 Pastor Conf; \$8,497 part-time Missionaries' travel; \$1,111 admin expenses).

SAF – June receipts: \$5,201 (\$3753 loan repayments; \$1,448 special gift) **VS** disb \$2,357 grants. Div/Int income FY22: SAF: \$57,989; PMP grant: \$70,975; Scholarship Fund: \$4,687.

Kinship – June receipts: \$12,993: (\$6,234 offerings, \$6,748 sponsors) **VS** disbursed: \$4,803 (\$180, Sem student sponsorships; \$4,000 medical aid; \$495 orphan support; \$590 widow support).

****** Positive & negative fluctuations in the chart revenue column for ILC Building Projects, IIF, CEF, SAF, & Reserve Fund reflect gains & losses in portfolio values from market fluctuations each month.

✝ TODAY AT GRACE ✝

Organist: **Maureen Ochser**

Elder: **Dave Rust**

Ushers: **Gary Gunther; Daniel Hein; Alieu Kanneh; Bob Maki; Bill Rust; David Stifter; Jeff Stifter; Joel Stifter**

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

Church Cleaners: **Sandhoefner**

✝ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✝

Ushers: **Gary Gunther; Daniel Hein; Alieu Kanneh; Bob Maki; Bill Rust; David Stifter; Jeff Stifter; Joel Stifter**

Counting Team 3: **Duane Enns; Tom Graham; Kevin Hulke; Dan Degnan; Benno Sydow**

Church Cleaners: **Volunteers?**

✝ OUR SCHEDULE ✝

Sun., July 24: 9:00 am – Worship (Pentecost 7)
 10:15 am – VBS Staff Meeting
July 25-29: 9:00-11:30 am – Vacation Bible School
Sun., July 31: 9:00 am – Worship (VBS Review/Pentecost 9)
Sat., Aug. 6: 9:00 am – Grace School Work Day
Sun., Aug. 21: 3:00 pm – Immanuel Opening Service
Tues., Aug. 23: 7:00 pm – Grace School Ice Cream Social
Mon., Aug. 29: Opening Day of Grace School

Last Week's Stats: July 17, 2022 Sun.: 76

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|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|------|----------|
| Sun. Offering: | Grace: | \$3,609 | CLC: | \$800 |
| Weekly Need: | Grace: | 4,250 | CLC: | 1,020 |
| -Under / +Over: | Grace: | -641 | CLC: | -220 |
| Year-to-Date Offering: | Grace: | \$129,048 | CLC: | \$34,035 |
| Year-to-Date Need: | Grace: | 123,250 | CLC: | 29,580 |
| Year-to-Date (+/-) | Grace: | +5,798 | CLC: | +4,455 |
| GLC Other: 207 | Living Faith: 0 | Tuition Aid: 75 | | |
| SAF Endowment: 100 | MDF: 0 | Kinship: 110 | | |
| ILC Student Aid: 0 | ILC Bldg. 0 | IIF: 0 CEF: 0 | | |
| Current Balances: | Tuition Aid: \$2,357 | Organ: \$56,126 | | |



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
