

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 20

Date: October 23, 2022

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 1: Open Now the Gates of Beauty
TLH 456: Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat
TLH 323: With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh
Father in Heaven (Projected & Insert - Tune of TLH 47)

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 103, TLH p. 145f.

Liturgy:

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

Scripture Readings:

Daniel 9:15-18
1 Corinthians 15:1-10

Sermon: Luke 18:9-17

⁹ Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: ¹⁰ "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ "The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men-- extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. ¹² 'I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' ¹³ "And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise *his* eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' ¹⁴ "I tell you, this man went down to his house justified *rather* than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." ¹⁵ Then they also brought infants to Him that He might touch them; but when the disciples saw *it*, they rebuked them. ¹⁶ But Jesus called them to *Him* and said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. ¹⁷ "Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." (NKJVTM)

PRAY FOR REAL TREASURE

1. WHY WE PRAY FOR REAL TREASURE

2. WHAT THAT TREASURE TRULY IS

Father in Heaven

To the Tune of TLH 47



1. Father in heaven, gracious God above,
Boldly we come before Your throne of love:
Holy Your name of triune majesty,
May all we do reflect Your purity.
2. Your kingdom come, Your rule of love within;
Lord, by Your Spirit turn our hearts from sin.
Your will be done in ev'ry place on earth,
As it is done where angels sing Your worth.
3. Give us this day our daily bread, we pray;
Thank You for all Your gifts to us each day.
Forgive our debts, our debtors we forgive –
Your mercy known, Your mercy we must live.
4. Lead us, O Lord, and keep our footsteps true
When we are tempted to abandon You.
Keep us from evil, rescue us from harm;
Lord, let Your love our fears at death disarm.
5. Yours, Lord, alone the kingdom, pow'r and praise;
Your glorious reign shall last for endless days ...
"Yes, yes, dear Lord!" With faith we say again:
"So shall it be – Amen! Amen! Amen!"

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

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!

Ministry Plan During Pastor's Treatment

The Elders met this week with Pastor to discuss a plan to help ease his workload and to accommodate him with tasks while still sustaining the ministry of the LORD's Word among us here at Grace Lutheran Church. The oncologist does recommend that Pastor be active when able. Here are some of the main activities:

- ➔ **Sunday Worship:** Pastor Hein will cover the Sunday morning worship service as he is able. Pastor Fleischer will help with liturgy if needed. He will also be on-deck for any last minute possibility of Pastor Hein being unable to do the service. A pool of preachers is also available if it is known by Friday evening that Pastor Hein cannot do the Sunday worship service.
- ➔ **Sunday Bible Class:** Retired Teacher Kevin Hulke will be conducting this through at least the end of 2022, presenting a Christian doctrine class that he recently prepared for teaching children. This will be adapted for adults. This is a work he did for the CLC's Board of Education and Publications, so we will be privileged to utilize this new resource directly from the person who produced it.
- ➔ **Wednesday Bible Class:** Cancelled for the time being.
- ➔ **Catechism:** Pastor Hein will conduct as he is able. For the school, these will be moved later in the morning to hopefully help as Pastor's pain is currently more elevated in the mornings and evenings. Kevin Hulke is available should Pastor be unable to teach.
- ➔ **Visits:** Pastor Hein will conduct these by phone as he is able as this is one of the things he has easily been able to do lately. Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer of Berea in Inver Grove Hts. has offered to visit in-person as he is able. His cell is (651) 432-0101.
- ➔ **School Devotion:** Mrs. Hein will do these the entire week now.

✝ **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS** ✝

- ➔ **Thanks** to Seminarian Paul Agenten for sharing the Word of God today. He and his wife, Courtney, also serve as the dorm supervisors at Immanuel in Eau Claire, WI. May the LORD bless their service!
 - ➔ **Among Us:** After having a biopsy early in the week, Pastor learned that his type of cancer is thymic carcinoma, a rare and aggressive cancer of the thymus gland. There are also nodules on his lungs that are being investigated. More tests will be done in the next two weeks with the goal to start chemotherapy as soon as possible.
 - ➔ **Mailboxes:** Today we are returning to the bulletins being placed in the members' mailboxes.
 - ➔ **Organ Dedication:** Grace's organ dedication will be next Sunday during our 10 am worship service. Ryan Mueller and Barry Hay have been asked to serve as our guest organists that day, and our Grace organists who are with us will be playing at least one hymn. Please join us as there will be a lot of singing plus listening to the full abilities of our new instrument.
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- ➔ **Hymn Survey:** For our upcoming organ dedication, Pastor has prepared a congregational survey on what Grace's favorite hymns are. This is online at: <https://forms.gle/VCG7cs5zyut1Krv28>. Any Grace member who is age 10 and over may submit one response.
 - ➔ **Minnesota Conference Joint Reformation Service:** All are welcome to join us as we celebrate Reformation Day at Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN. The service will be held next Sunday at 4 pm. A potluck will follow the service and members coming to the service are welcome to bring along a side dish or dessert to share.
 - ➔ **Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors' Day** is Fri., November 11 on the ILC campus in Eau Claire, WI. Activities will begin with chapel after 10 am in the Field House, followed by presentations and classroom visits until 2:50 pm. Come and learn more about your church's college, and consider continuing your education in a solidly Christian setting! Speak with your pastor if you're interested in attending. For questions, contact Academic Dean Paul Naumann. Office: 715-836-6636, cell: 253-228-8736, e-mail: paul.naumann@ilc.edu.
 - ➔ **CLC News:** Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN, has received the dual call to serve Redemption Lutheran in Lynnwood, WA (Seattle area), and Ascension Lutheran in Tacoma, WA.
 - ➔ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #4 – Second Commandment

Voters Meeting Notes – October 16, 2022

Meeting opened w/prayer. July Voters meeting minutes read & approved.

Treasurer's Report

- The Treasurer's report was reviewed and approved.
- Large expenditure for new organ
- Interest received from the 2 CLCCEF notes
- Offerings are running a little above average but some of this is due to receiving school tuition payments
- School books and desks were purchased
- Nothing unusual for Elders expenses
- Trustees had extra expense for fire alarm monitoring upgrades
- Expenses are slightly higher than the budgeted expenses
- General fund checking balance is positive

Pastor's Report

- VBS enrollment was 27, 15 members and 12 non-members. There was a good staff in place and everything went smoothly.
- Instruction classes continue with Dan Kelley; also, with Jeremy Angstrom.
- The organ dedication service will be held Sun., Oct. 30 during the normal worship service. Ryan Mueller and Barry Hay have been invited to serve as guest organists. Grace's organists will also be participating.
- Grace is being considered as a possible future host for the joint Reformation service which in recent years has been at Mankato & Berea.
- Some plans are a little more in limbo now based on Pastor's health issues which he disclosed by reading a letter to the congregation following today's service. A trip to Liberia is no longer possible.
- 2023 calendar was presented. Some dates for CLC functions haven't been finalized yet, but they are listed with their likely dates. Motion carried to approve the 2023 calendar as presented.
- The MN Pastoral Conference was recently held in Annandale, MN and went very well.

Board of Elders Report

- A new pew was added to the front of the rightmost section. A chair made from an old pew was also placed by the organ. Thanks to Benno. Possible 2-seat pew maybe placed in front of parents' room.
- Going forward, bulletins will be placed in the mailboxes.
- The church picnic went well although there were issues with the grill.
- Messiah (Eau Claire, WI) is working on a new hymnal and has asked if there is any interest in purchasing copies. Grace expressed interest but no final commitment to purchasing them has been made.

Board of Education Report

- Thanks to all who helped with the school room moves; also to the current school volunteers.
- Motion carried for David Hein to serve as Sunday School superintendent.
- ILHS school tuition paid for N. and N. Story.
- Background checks have been done.
- Tuition increase for next year: \$250 for grades 1-8 and \$300 for Kindergarten. Plans are to increase tuition by a total of \$1000 over the next 4 years.
- The current school year has 13 member and 16 non-member students. Projections for the 2023-2024 school year are 14 member and 16 non-member students.
- Dates (Past and Future)
 - VBS – July 25-29
 - Ice Cream Social – August 23
 - First Day of School – August 29
 - Parents' Night – September 26
 - School trip – September 30
 - CLC Teachers' Conference – October 19-21
 - ILC Visitors' Day – November 11
 - Christmas Party – December 23

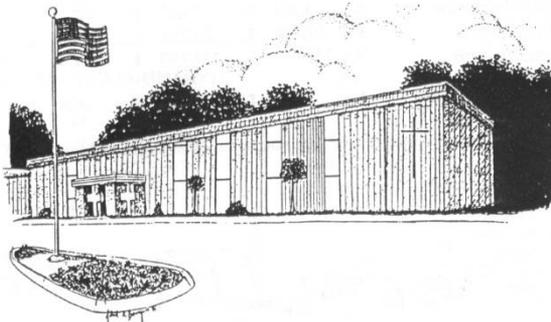
Board of Trustees Report

- Not much to report, business as usual.

Other Business

- Thank you to the trustees for the Roomba (robot vacuum) purchase. It has made church cleaning so much easier.
- Motion approved the 2023 budget:
 - Elders: \$87,000
 - Education: \$106,000
 - Trustees: \$41,000
 - Total: \$234,000

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary William Rust



CLC Financial Report - September

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2022	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 3 Months	Balance 9/30/2022
General Fund	0	260,324	320,564	319,800	- 60,240
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	482,483	394,272	387,900	88,211
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF) **	223,343	4,252	18,542		209,053
ILC Building Projects **	1,164,731	- 71,816	17,495		1,075,420
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	168,733	35,978	41,938		162,773
Kinship	194,437	27,412	49,333		171,916
Church Extension Fund (CEF) **	2,539,155	- 36,087	194,107		2,308,961
Student Aid Fund (SAF) **	127,406	22,430	26,115		123,721
CLC Reserve Fund**(YTD gains/losses)	190,153	- 18,964	0		171,189
Auxiliary Funds Totals	4,607,958	- \$36,795	\$348,130		\$4,223,033

General Fund – September offerings were **\$79,920 VS** disbursements of **\$113,359**. September offerings fell short of actual expenses by about \$3,300, but were \$20,600 short of average monthly budget needs of \$106,600. The General Fund subsidizes the work of the Boards of Missions, Trustees, EdPub, & Regents, and are sometimes referred to as “CLC Mission offerings.”

CLC Reserve Fund (above) is invested in an inter/divid-bearing account until needed, typically each fiscal year-end. The YTD negative amount for September reflects the negative market effect on the portfolio at the end of the month, but market fluctuations can also be positive at the end of any month.

ILC Operations – September revenue was **\$144,241** (including \$63,810 General Fund monthly subsidy) **VS** disbursements of **\$126,036**.

IIF – Sept. receipts: **\$2,755** (\$2,453/mo bequest) **VS \$5,164** disbursed. FY23 Div/Int: \$1,637.

ILC Bldg – September receipts: **\$4,523** (\$2,453/mo bequest) **VS** disbursed: **\$9,241**. FY23 YTD Div/Int income: \$14,341.

CEF –September receipts: **\$25,415** loan repayments & \$90 gift **VS** disbursed: **\$72,809**, incl. \$68,829 (\$57,260 for Promissory Notes paid off). FY23 YTD Div/Int income: \$30,642.

MDF – September receipts: **\$11,561 VS** disbursed **\$13,229**; (\$8,825 Church Bldg Assist; \$2,270 Outreach Africa/US; \$630 PT Missionaries; \$1,504 admin expenses & Board visitations.

SAF – September receipts: **\$3,523** (\$1,747 loan repayments; \$1,776 special gifts) **VS** disb **\$6,015** STU grants, loans, scholarships. FY23 YTD Div/Int: SAF: \$17,542; PMP Fund: \$21,228; Scholarship Fund: \$1,402.

Kinship – September receipts: **\$7,970**: (\$3,800 offerings, \$4,170 sponsors) **VS** disbursed: **\$19,231**: (w/\$8,920 Orphans & Etago/Moi’s Bridge Schools; \$9,690 Sem students sponsorships.

** Positive & negative values in the revenue column (2nd above) reflect market fluctuations of long term invested funds of the ILC Building Projects, IIF, CEF, SAF, & Reserve funds in their portfolio’s.

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Jan Davis

Elder: Benno Sydow

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

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

Church Cleaners: Hulke

School: NA

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

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

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

Church Cleaners: Sydow

School: Neff

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Oct. 23: 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost 20)

Wed., Oct. 26: 4:30-6:15 pm – Catechism for Public School Students

Sat., Oct. 29: 9:00 am – Grace Work Day

Sun., Oct. 30: 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service with Organ Dedication
4:00 pm – MN Joint Reformation Festival (Mankato, MN)

Sun., Nov. 6: 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper (Pentecost 22)

Fri., Nov. 11: ILC Visitors' Day (Eau Claire, WI)

Nov. 11 & 12: 7:30 pm – ILC Musical "Is There a Doctor in the House?"

Last Week's Stats: Oct. 16, 2022 Sun.: 78 S.S.: 9 B.Cl.: 40

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$10,793*	CLC:	\$645			
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,250	CLC:	1,020			
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+6,543	CLC:	-375			
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$189,530	CLC:	\$44,045			
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	178,500	CLC:	42,840			
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+11,030	CLC:	+1,205			
GLC Other:	102	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	100		
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	0	Kinship:	110		
ILC Student Aid:	0	ILC Bldg.	300	IIF:	0	CEF:	0
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid: \$1,173		* \$6,205 in school tuition				



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