

# *Grace Lutheran Church & School*



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**Church Year:** Easter 7/Confirmation

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

**Date:** May 21, 2023

## ✠ **WORSHIP INFORMATION** ✠

### **Hymns:**

TLH 338: Thine Forever, God of Love

Choir: On Eagles' Wings

TLH 288: Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain

WS 751: God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

CDS: TLH 552: Abide with Me!

TLH 283: God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

### **Worship Prep:**

Psalm 145, TLH p. 155f.

### **Liturgy:**

WS p. 1 (Projected)

### **Scripture Readings:**

2 Timothy 3:1-5, 12-17

John 17:1-11a

### **Sermon: Galatians 3:26-27**


<sup>26</sup> For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>27</sup> For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

## **REMAIN GOD'S CHILD**



## **Confirmation**

## ✝ ***THE ANNOUNCEMENTS*** ✝

- ➔ **Confirmation:** We congratulate Uriah for completing his catechetical instruction so that he understands all the foundational doctrines revealed in Scripture about our Triune God. We also welcome him as communicant member at Grace. May the Lord continue to faithfully guide and direct him during his time of grace as he has promised to make faithful use of the Means of Grace. Following the worship service, during our regular hospitality hour, there will be a reception in the fellowship hall in which a light luncheon will be served.
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- ➔ **Among Us:** Due to noticeable weakness, Barb Fleischer has been receiving tests to determine a diagnosis. While not yet for certain, a recent test this week indicated the likelihood of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), or widely known as Lou Gehrig's disease. May the Lord Jesus graciously watch over and care for His child!
  - ➔ **Summer Worship Schedule:** Next Sunday, May 28, the summer schedule will begin with worship service held at 9 am. Bible Class and Sunday School will be suspended for the summer.
  - ➔ **Graduates:** Please list any member of Grace that is graduating this year (Jan-Dec 2023) on the sheet by the guest book. Include the school's name and the degree. Our Graduation is next Sun., May 28. S. Conway & U. Wales will also graduate from Grace School that day. Open house for N. Story's graduation will be on Sat., June 10, from 2-6 pm. Invitation on the bulletin board by the mailboxes.
  - ➔ **Appreciation:** As Sunday School and Bible Class season comes to an end, we extend a word of thanks to all who taught and supervised this past year. Our Sunday School teachers included: Barb Sydow, Mikey Oman, and Laura Wales, with James Bomber as the Superintendent. In particular, thanks to Kevin Hulke who willingly stepped in to relieve Pastor of this responsibility during his cancer.
  - ➔ **Parade:** The Spring Lake Park Tower Days parade is Thurs., June 8. This helps us get our name out into the community. We encourage all of our families to come and walk in the parade. We'll meet at 5:45 pm in the parking lot of Woodcrest School and walk together down Able St. to the parade site. The parade starts at 6:30 and usually lasts a little more than an hour.
  - ➔ **Vacation Bible School:** On July 24-28, 9:00-11:30 am, we will hold our VBS. This includes children age 4 years, to children going into 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Please register your children on the sheet by the guest book. In preparing for VBS, we will need to put together a staff, including teachers and coordinators for crafts and music. Please consider this labor of love and let Pastor know of your willingness.

- ➔ **Lutheran Spokesman:** The *Lutheran Spokesman* is a monthly publication by the CLC which is dedicated to sharing rich, devotional messages for our spiritual edification. Those who currently receive the publication are listed on a sheet by the guestbook. If you no longer wish to receive it, please cross out your name. If you don't receive it and would like to, please sign up. The congregation covers the cost.
- ➔ **Daily Rest:** *Daily Rest* is a daily devotion book printed quarterly by the CLC. The deadline to renew/subscribe is June 1. Jan Davis has graciously offered to collect the \$15 payments. You may give this payment to her directly or mail your payment in her name to her address: Jan Davis, 7986 Van Buren Street NE, Spring Lake Park, MN 55432. Please contact her (davis7986@gmail.com/612-590-5354) for instructions if you wish to pay through Zelle® or Venmo®.
- ➔ **The Branches:** If you would like to start receiving this magazine for Christian women, please contact Sandy Hulke at thebranchesmagazine@gmail.com. All other subscriptions will automatically be renewed. For any changes, please let Sandy know.
- ➔ **Invitation:** You are invited to the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Zion Lutheran Church in Ipswich, SD, on Sunday, July 16, 2023, 4 pm, with guest preacher, Pastor Mark Tiefel. The service will be held at Schriver's Funeral home (720 6th St. Ipswich, SD 57451), their regular place of worship. A catered meal will follow the service at the Edmunds County 4H building, located near the worship venue. Please RSVP to Pastor Zachary Sippert (715-523-0826/pastorzippert@gmail.com).
- ➔ **Walk with the Apostle Paul** (Greece & Turkey trip): A group trip to Greece and Turkey is planned for May 27-June 5, 2024, with a possible three day extension to Rome for those who are interested. The trip will include visits to areas mentioned in the Book of Acts, e.g., Athens, Corinth, Berea, Thessaloniki, Philippi, Ephesus and more. We will be reminded of the zeal and spread of the early Christian church. For more info., contact Nathanael Mayhew (nnmayhew@sleepyeyelutheran.com). Brochures with additional trip details are available upon request.
- ➔ **Immanuel Athletic Boosters (IAB):** are looking for volunteers to help cover work shifts the 2023 Blue Ox Music Festival. All earnings from the hours worked are given to IAB to fund various projects related to ILHS athletics. IAB has generated about \$80,000 from Blue Ox and similar efforts over the past 20 years. More info. on IAB and the projects these work efforts have helped to fund can be found on the ILHS website by using the following link: [iabboosters.wordpress.com/2023/04/18/live-sign-up-for-blue-ox-effort/](https://iabboosters.wordpress.com/2023/04/18/live-sign-up-for-blue-ox-effort/). For more info., contact Tom Beekman at 715-491-2025, or via email at thomasbeekman1961@gmail.com.
- ➔ **CLC News:** Pastor Sam Naumann of Resurrection Lutheran in Corpus Christi, TX, has received the call to Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI.

## CLC Financial Report - April

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2022	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 10 Months	Balance 4/30/2023
<b>General Fund</b>	0	853,865	1,041,526	1,066,000	<b>- 187,661</b>
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	1,412,134	1,270,332	1,293,000	141,802
<b>Auxiliary Funds</b>					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF) **	223,343	107,931	144,927		186,347
ILC Building Projects **	1,164,731	145,257	28,793		1,281,195
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	168,733	187,807	239,833		116,707
Kinship	194,437	127,592	149,500		172,529
Church Extension Fund (CEF) **	2,539,155	591,625	710,745		2,420,035
Student Aid Fund (SAF) **	127,406	82,332	125,673		84,065
CLC Reserve Fund**(YTD gains/losses)	190,153	7,522	0		197,675
<b>Auxiliary Funds Totals</b>	<b>\$4,607,958</b>	<b>1,250,066</b>	<b>1,399,471</b>		<b>4,458,553</b>

**General Fund – April** offerings: **\$69,521** (Special: \$95) **VS** disbursements: **\$99,106**, for a negative cash flow of **-\$29,585**, increasing the deficit to **-\$187,661**.: Not only large gifts are special, but even small gifts can be special, as the Lord noted of the poor widow's gift of 2 mites: *"she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood"* (Mar 12:44) *"Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them."* (Luke 21:3) He speaks to the "heart" of giving, whether gifts are small or large. And He speaks to our deficit concerns: *"God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work."* (2Cor 9:8) Perhaps the Lord may cover the deficit with an outpouring of His abundant grace on members in May & June to bring their special offerings, large & small. Perhaps He may cover our deficit with the CLC Reserve of His previous abundant grace. No matter, *"He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not, with Him, also, freely give us all things?"* (Rom 8:32)

**CLC Reserve Fund** is held in our Investment Pool account to grow until needed, typically at the end of the fiscal year June 30. The April Investment balance was \$1,227, due to investment capital gains for April. Div/Int income received since last July: \$10,972.

**ILC Operations – April** revenue: **\$118,741** (incl. \$50,739, Tuition/R&B/Fees; \$63,810 General Fund subsidy) **VS** disbursements: **\$122,942** (incl \$78,224 wages; \$13,500 Food Service; \$3,010, Bldgs/ Ground/Utilities; \$717, Admin. Annual ILC Budget: \$1,552,000.

**IIF – April** receipts: **\$35,436** (\$2,453/mo bequest; \$365 offerings, \$32,620, hail insurance) **VS** \$117,912 covered hail repairs. The Pool IIF balance is in the checking acct for summer repairs.

**ILC Bldg – April** receipts: **\$4,383**; (\$2,453 monthly bequest; \$1,930 offerings) **VS** disbursed: **\$0** Div/Int income received since last July: \$48,714.

**CEF– April** receipts: **\$23,301** (\$22,761 loan payments on P&I; \$540 gifts) **VS** disbursed: **\$37,400** (Debt service & Member Notes repaid, and admin \$4,106). Div/Int income received since July: \$99,241.

**MDF – April** receipts: **\$8,745** (Offerings) **VS** disbursed **\$42,128** (\$1,730 Admin; \$1,450 Exploratory; \$10,105 3<sup>rd</sup> Missionary salary, CLC retirement & travel.

**SAF–April** Rcpts: **\$7,196** (\$6,090, Loan pmts; \$1,106 gifts) **VS** Disb: **\$6,487** (\$5,495 Grants, Loans) Div/Int income since last July: SAE: \$54,870; PMP: (Pastor/Teacher Prep): \$64,910; Scholarship: \$4,318.

**Kinship – April** receipts: **\$12,641**: (\$5,566 offerings, \$7,075 sponsors) **VS** disbursed: **\$54,300** (\$34,000 disaster relief; 948, Admin; \$10,700 Orphanages; \$8,675, Seminary students; \$90 widows).

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

# **Rite of Confirmation**

1) Do you this day, in the presence of God and of this Christian congregation, confirm the solemn covenant which the Triune God made with you at your Baptism?

*Answer: I do.*

2) Do you, then, renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

*Answer: I do.*

3) Do you believe in God the Father?

*Answer: Yes, I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.*

4) Do you believe in God the Son?

*Answer: Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*

5) Do you believe in God the Holy Ghost?

*Answer: Yes, I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting.*

6) Do you desire to be a member of Grace Lutheran Church and of the Church of the Lutheran Confession?

*Answer: I do.*

7) Do you hold all the books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God and the doctrine of Grace Lutheran Church, drawn from the Bible, as you have learned to know it from Luther's Small Catechism, to be the true and correct one?

*Answer: I do.*

8) Do you also, as a member of Grace Lutheran Church, intend to continue steadfast in the confession of this Church and suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

*Answer: I do so intend, with the help of God.*

9) Finally, do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the rule of the divine Word, to be diligent in the use of the means of grace (the Gospel in Word and Sacrament), to walk as it becomes the Gospel of Christ, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to the Triune God, even unto death?

*Answer: I do so intend, by the grace of God.*

# ✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Benno Sydow

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

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

Hospitality Team 3: Jan Davis, Ryan & Mikey Oman; Laura Wales; Janelle Hein

Church Cleaners: Volunteers?

School: Oman

# ✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

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

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

Church Cleaners: Volunteers?

School: Wales

# ✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

**Sun., May 21:** 9:00 am – Confirmation Examination  
10:00 am – Worship Service (Easter 7/Confirmation)  
11:00 am – Confirmation Reception/Hospitality

**Wed., May 24:** 4:00-5:45 pm – Catechism for Public School Students

**Thu., May 25:** 7:00 pm – Grace School's Spring Program

**Fri., May 26:** 12:00 pm – Grace School Dismissal for Summer

**Sun., May 28:** **PENTECOST DAY (Summer Schedule Begins)**  
9:00 am – Worship w/Grace Graduation (Pentecost)

**Sun., June 4:** 9:00 am – Worship w/Lord's Supper (Trinity Sunday)

**Thu., June 8:** 5:45 pm – Meet for Spring Lake Park Parade

**Sat., June 10:** 10:00 am – MN Delegate Conference (Inver Grove Hts., MN)

**June 20-22:** CLC General Pastoral Conference (Eau Claire, WI)

**July 24-28:** 9:00-11:30 am – Vacation Bible School

**Last Week's Stats:** May 14, 2023 Sun.: 75 S.S.: ?? B.Cl.: 33 Thu.: 54

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$6,901*	CLC:	\$560
Thu. Offering:	Grace:	\$440	CLC:	\$20
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,500	CLC:	1,080
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+2,841	CLC:	-500
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$102,299	CLC:	\$23,350
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	90,000	CLC:	21,600
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+12,299	CLC:	+1,750
GLC Other: 232	Living Faith: 50	Tuition Aid: 50	Sanctuary: \$200	
SAF Endowment: 0	MDF: 0	Kinship: 210	EduK8: 0	
ILC Student Aid: 0	ILC Bldg. 0	IIF: 0	CEF: 0	
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid: \$2,675	Sanctuary: \$1,450		

\* \$4,400 in non-member tuition