

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost

Date: May 28, 2023

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 227: Come, Holy Ghost, in Love

Choir: Take My Life and Walk with Me

TLH 231: We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost

TLH 224: Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord!

Graduation Recognition (Alumni: Go Now in Peace)

Shine, Jesus, Shine (Projected)

Worship Prep:

Psalm 51, TLH p. 134 f.

Liturgy:

WS p. 1 (Projected)

WS p. 31, Psalm 51

Scripture Readings:

Joel 2:28-29

John 16:5-11

Sermon: Acts 2:1-13

¹ When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵ And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. ⁷ Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans?" ⁸ "And how *is it that* we hear, each in our own language in which we were born?" ⁹ "Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ "Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ "Cretans and Arabs-- we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God." ¹² So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?" ¹³ Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine." (NKJVTM)

Fired Up by the Holy Spirit

† **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS** †

- ➔ **Graduation Recognition:** Today we recognize our graduates from our Christian Day School. What a marvelous Christian foundation our congregation has been able to provide all the children who attend Grace Lutheran School. We also congratulate and wish the Lord's richest blessings upon the other graduates in our midst:
 - ☆ Shera Konway – Grace Lutheran School
 - ☆ Uriah Wales – Grace Lutheran School
 - ☆ Natalie Story – Immanuel Lutheran High School
 - ☆ Jessica Maki – Anoka-Ramsey Community College (RN, ASN)
 - ☆ Alex Baker – Western Governors University (BSN)
- ➔ **Summer Hospitality:** If anyone wishes to host any of the Sundays in summer, please sign up on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.
- ➔ **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 8th 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:** Today is the last day to sign up on the sheet by the guest book. The cost is covered by the congregation.
- ➔ **Daily Rest:** Today is the last day to speak with Jan Davis about subscribing to this quarterly devotion book.
- ➔ **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: iaboosters.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.
- ➔ **Invitation:** You are invited to the 100th 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).
- ➔ **Lower Michigan Youth Camp:** This will be held July 17-20 (Mon-Thurs) at Pigeon Creek County Park, West Olive, MI. The camp is open to students entering grades 6-12. The cost is \$60 per camper. The deadline for registration is July 12. Info. and registration can be found at: mtzionlutheran.info/lowermichiganyouthcamp.
- ➔ **Man Up! Weekend:** The 2023 ManUp! Men's Weekend will be held September 21-24, at Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. The weekend will offer strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. Register and send in your payment before Aug. 31 for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 after Sept. 1. The registration includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website here: www.manup.clclutheran.org and clicking on the Registration Form. Sign up today!
- ➔ **Book:** Deborah Ude's sixth and final book, *Fistful of Dandelions*, is now available. 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: tinyurl.com/Fistful-of-Dandelions. (\$11.99 and \$2.99) For more information on this book or her other books go to this link: tinyurl.com/DeborahUde.
- ➔ **CLC News:** Mr. Noah Ohlmann has been called to be a full-time teaching assistant for the lower grades during the 2023-24 school year at Grace Lutheran in Valentine, NE.

From CLC Board of Trustees Chairman Tom Lentz

Dear Fellow members of the CLC,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to provide some insight into the discussions our boards have been having as it relates to our current budget situation. We hope by now that



most of you have seen our monthly bulletin recap, which showed our General Fund balance at -\$187,661. This deficit is the largest in synod history and it is problematic as our fiscal year end is only a few weeks away on June 30. However, we do recognize that our finances are blessed in many ways. First, our reserve fund had an April balance of \$197,675 and second our ILC Operations budget was under spent by \$141,802, but we do anticipate that the ILC underspend will be significantly less than that by fiscal year end. Given all of these circumstances it does appear likely that we will need to use a significant portion of the Reserve Fund. Our ongoing discussions have now turned to next fiscal year and what might have to happen if we continue to run deficits.

Each of our boards must consider what they can do to alleviate shortfalls:

The Board of Missions was asked to provide a short description of the effects of a 10% cut in the Missions budget. *What would a \$40,000 cut mean to the work we are currently doing? Here are some effects:*

The mission field with the largest subsidy is the BELC. The \$100,000+ that is sent to them annually is used primarily for pastor training. The 1000 pastors of that church body come together by district on a regular basis for study and to strengthen the bonds of fellowship. A \$40,000 reduction would mean that almost half of the pastors would not be able to join the study sessions, or that there could be only half the number of sessions.

If the cuts were spread out among the more than a dozen various church bodies we are assisting there would be many that would be negatively impacted. The vast majority of the church bodies receive

only between \$2500 and \$10,000/year. If these cuts were distributed evenly by percentage the effects would be similar to those in the BELC but among many more groups. Much of the offering money sent over helps to run seminaries, provide books, transportation and stipends for instructors whose full time job it is to teach, and funds the transportation costs for some students to get to the locations where classes are held.

The primary focus of the CLC Board of Missions in foreign fields is to help train men for the work of the ministry. The board receives many more requests for funding than it can possibly fulfill. It attempts to distribute the limited funds in as efficient a manner as possible so any cuts required of it means that there will be fewer men in training to spread the gospel. These are not just numbers on paper.

The Board of Regents would also have great difficulty making cuts, as most of their expenditures are fixed. The only meaningful way to make cuts would be to salary and thus staff, which would mean that our students could be underserved. Finally, the Board of Education and Publication gets such a small subsidy from the synod that a cut would have little impact on the overall budget. The FY 24 budget was recently approved by the Coordinating Council and has been sent out to the congregations. We encourage you to find a copy of the CC and review it. We are blessed in that it looks like we will have several more students than we expected during our fall budgeting process. This blessing has allowed us to reduce our year over year revenue need by almost \$88,000.

We know that with God all things are possible so we do not despair of over budget numbers, but we do ask for your prayers as we all make humble efforts to reduce the current FY23 deficit, thus preserving as much of our Reserve Fund as possible and making it less likely that we will need to make any drastic cuts in spending next year.

In His Service:

Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman

Board of Trustees

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: **Ryan Mueller**

Elder: **Benno Sydow**

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**

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: **Al Rosendahl; 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: **Volunteers?**

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

- 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
- Sat., Aug. 5:** 9:00 am – Grace School Work Day
- Sun., Aug. 20:** 3:00 pm – Immanuel Opening Service
- Mon., Aug. 28:** Grace School’s Opening Day

Last Week’s Stats: May 21, 2023 Sun.: 115 B.Cl.: ?

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$5,647	CLC:	\$2,075
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,500	CLC:	1,080
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+1,147	CLC:	+995
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$107,946	CLC:	\$25,425
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	94,500	CLC:	22,680
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+13,446	CLC:	+2,745
GLC Other:	110	Living Faith:	55	Tuition Aid: 75 Sanctuary: \$25
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	0	Kinship: 110 EduK8: 0
ILC Student Aid:	25	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF: 0 CEF: 0
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid: \$2,750		Sanctuary: \$1,475	



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