

# Grace Lutheran Church & School



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

Church Year: Pentecost 3

Date: June 18, 2023

## ✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

### Hymns:

TLH 8: Father, Who the Light This Day

TLH 625: Oh, Blest the House, Whate'er Befall

O Christ, To Our Dear Fathers Give (Tune TLH 482)

WS 785: Children of the Heavenly Father

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

### Worship Prep:

Psalms 103, TLH p. 145

### Liturgy:

TLH, p. 5 (Projected)

Gloria: TLH 36:3

### Scripture Readings:

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Mark 2:23-28

### Sermon: Galatians 4:1-7

<sup>1</sup> Now I say *that* the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, <sup>2</sup> but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father. <sup>3</sup> Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world. <sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" <sup>7</sup> Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ. (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

## Heirs Under the Authority of the Father

## ✝ ***THE ANNOUNCEMENTS*** ✝

- ➔ **Blessed Father's Day:** to the fathers among us who have made the Word and love of our heavenly Father the centerpiece of our lives.
- ➔ **Summer Hospitality:** If anyone wishes to host any of the Sundays in summer, please sign up on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.
- ➔ **Special Voters Meeting:** President Eli Wales has called for a special Voters meeting next Sunday, June 25, following our worship service. The Council has discussed various proposals regarding staffing for our school. At last week's meeting, the Council resolved the following: That the Voters consider a proposal to add a new part-time Kindergarten teacher and a budget amendment for approximately \$15,000 for the remainder of 2023 so that we may extend a call. Should this proposal be adopted by the Voters, the intent would be to extend the call at this special meeting. The Board of Ed welcomes input or is available to answer any questions: Roger Ochsner, Tom Graham, and Kevin Hulke. May the LORD lead us with wisdom and may His will be done regarding this matter.
- ➔ **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.
- ➔ **Porcupine Mountains Youth Camping Trip:** August 5-9 for students entering grades 8-12. Info and registration at [tinyurl.com/Porkies23](http://tinyurl.com/Porkies23). Questions? Contact Adam Schmid: (715) 514-9345, [aschmidy2003@gmail.com](mailto:aschmidy2003@gmail.com).
- ➔ **Man Up! Weekend:** September 21-24, at Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. Register and send in your payment before Aug. 31 for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 after Sept. 1. This includes lodging and meals. Register by going to: [www.manup.clclutheran.org](http://www.manup.clclutheran.org) and clicking on the Registration Form.
- ➔ **CLC News:** Pastor James Naumann of Our Savior's Lutheran in Jamestown, ND, has returned the call to Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI. ✝ Pastor Mike Roehl of St. Paul Lutheran in Bismarck, ND, has received the call to be the third pastor at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI. ✝ From CLC President Michael Wilke: "Pastor Samuel Naumann has resigned from his call to Resurrection Lutheran Church of Corpus Christi for personal reasons. We are confident that Sam and his wife Katie will continue to put their trust in the Lord as they move forward into whatever future He has planned for them. Please keep Sam, Katie, and their children, as well as the Corpus Christi congregation, in your prayers."

## **CLC Email Devotion - June 20, 2005**

Ephesians 6:4 And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

### **FATHER'S #1 JOB**

Another Father's Day ... A pointed question or two remain. Questions real fathers need to ask themselves more than once. Questions people who care about fathers will ask them.

Are they getting what they need? Your children, especially the little ones, do they have what they need?



I'm not talking about good food and designer clothing - such things, while nice, will only last so long, and can only carry them so far. I'm not talking about the baubles, the X Boxes, and computer games. They are fun but don't help much with real life. I'm not talking about friends and social activities, because friends can fail and people aren't always kind.

What I'm asking is: do they know Jesus? Do they really know Him by name personally from His Word? Is He a definite person they know to rely on or is He only part of a vague, fuzzy imagination? Do they know what great things He has done for them? Do they know what the future holds for them because of Christ?

We can give our children lots of fun things that don't last. We can also bring them to Jesus Christ who can give them a real future, one that won't fade away or wear out. Show them real love - bring them to Jesus every day! Dad, that's job one.

*"The religious impact of home upon children comes from the whole life of the family. The effective influence is not what parents say, but what they are and do."*

- Unknown

# **Council Meeting Notes – June 11, 2023**

Meeting opened with prayer. May Council meeting minutes were read, edited and approved. May Treasurer's Report was presented and approved.

## **Pastor's Report**

- Uriah Wales confirmed May 21. Motion approved to recommend to Voters that we ratify Uriah Wales into communicant membership.
- The Minnesota Delegate Conference accepted Grace's offer to host the Joint Reformation Service to be held on Oct. 29 at 4 pm.
- The Minnesota Delegate Conference also accepted Grace's offer to host the June 8, 2024, delegate conference (10 am through late afternoon).
- Pastor completed radiation treatments last week. The treatment has helped to reduce pain, but has caused increased fatigue. He will be having more scans with possible treatment to follow.

## **Board of Elders' Report**

- The Board of Elders presented a Draft Policy regarding Gifts or Non-Wage Disbursements. Several edits were suggested. Motion approved to incorporate the policy into the Grace Handbook with the suggested edits.
- The Board of Elders presented an Expense Reimbursement Policy for Pastor. Motion approved to incorporate the policy into the Grace Handbook.

## **Board of Education Report**

- Spring Lake Park Tower Days parade was a success. Thank you to Dave Rust for the use of his truck, to Rick Nelson for all that he did, and to all the volunteers that helped. Janelle got an email the same evening with interest in the school and VBS.
- The Board of Ed presented a plan to ease upper grade schoolroom overcrowding. The board believes that adding a third full-time teacher is the best way to resolve the issue, but as an interim step adding a part-time kindergarten teacher would help. There was much discussion. One counterproposal was to eliminate kindergarten. Another idea was to split the grades into k-4 and 5-8. The board believes that these options would be difficult to implement and would degrade the education offered at Grace. Motion approved to call a special Voters' meeting to consider the proposal to add a new part-time Kindergarten teacher with a budget amendment for approximately \$15,000 for the remainder of 2023 so that we may extend a call. The president asked the pastor to send a notice for a special voters' meeting to be held on June 25.

## **Board of Trustees' Report**

- The clothes washer in the parsonage overflowed. The washer has been fixed.
- The church water heater, discussed last month, has been flushed.
- Grace received a letter concerning the Employee Retention Credit. There are some CLC members in Eau Claire who have experience with this and should be able to help us with it. The board will contact them for help.

### **Other Business**

- The Grace church Home Depot credit card is in Benno's name. He has been issued a new card. He will get 4 cards to give to the people that need it.
- Motion approved to remove the Wells Fargo savings accounts, moving the money to the Fidelity money market account.
- Motion approved to eliminate the two CLC CEF demand notes, moving the money to the Fidelity money market account.
- Motion approved to pursue the purchase of a church management service at a cost of about \$150 per month.

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary Frank Radichel

**Passing:** The LORD in His grace and mercy called Kathleen Schaller (wife of retired Pastor Walter Schaller) home to His side on Wednesday. Visitation at 12 pm on Mon. June 19, service at 1 pm, and a meal to follow at 2 pm (Messiah Lutheran Church, 2015 N Hastings Way, Eau Claire, WI). Instead of flowers, contributions to the new "EduK8" fund are appreciated. Cards of comfort may be sent to 3160 Mercury Avenue, Eau Claire, WI, 54703.

### **CALLING ON GOD FOR HELP**

*"Call on me in times of trouble. I will rescue you, and you will honor me." Psalm 50:15*

*This passage describes the life of faithful believers. All of the misfortunes we experience are nothing but a joyful game God plays with us. Sometimes a father will tell his little child to do something even though he knows the child isn't strong enough, or the task is too difficult. He may tell his little son to bring him a bucket or to take off his socks or boots. When the child tries hard to accomplish the task, even though it's much too hard for him, the father will gladly and quickly lend a hand. He will praise his child for his efforts. This will train the child to obey, and the child will also learn to love his father more and more.*

*These are the kinds of games that God plays with the God-fearing and faithful people who are his children and who call him Father. They don't doubt his fatherly love and good intentions in the least. They experience his tenderness firsthand when he reaches down to them and helps them in a fatherly way. God will be pleased with their efforts and will praise everything they do—even if it's small and weak. This is very similar to the way an earthly father appreciates and praises the efforts of his little children when they try to complete a task that is much too difficult for them.*

*THROUGH FAITH ALONE—365 devotional readings from MARTIN LUTHER.*

# ✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Jan Davis

Elder: Eli Wales

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

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

Church Cleaners: Sydow

# ✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

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: Sydow

# ✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

**Sun., June 18:** 9:00 am – Worship (Pentecost 3)  
**June 20-22:** CLC General Pastoral Conference (Eau Claire, WI)  
**Sun., June 25:** 9:00 am – Worship (Pentecost 4)  
10:00 am – Special Voters Meeting  
**Sun., July 2:** 9:00 am – Worship w/Lord's Supper (Pentecost 5)  
**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:** June 11, 2023 Sun.: 68

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$1,587	CLC:	\$410			
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,500	CLC:	1,080			
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-2,913	CLC:	-670			
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$114,381	CLC:	\$26,892			
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	108,000	CLC:	25,920			
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+6,381	CLC:	+972			
GLC Other:	0	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	0	Sanctuary:	100
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	0	Kinship:	110	EduK8:	0
ILC Student Aid:	0	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF:	0	CEF:	0
Current Balances:		Tuition Aid:	\$2,801	Sanctuary:	\$11,975		



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