

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 7

Date: July 16, 2023

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

WS 743: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

TLH 604: Great God, What Do I See and Hear?

TLH 479: Zion, Rise, Zion, Rise

TLH 54: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 8, TLH p. 124

Liturgy:

TLH p. 5 (Projected)

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 6-7

Hebrews 11:7

Sermon: Matthew 24:37-42

³⁷ "But as the days of Noah *were*, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. ³⁸ "For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ "and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. ⁴⁰ "Then two *men* will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. ⁴¹ "Two *women* will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. ⁴² "Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming." (NKJVTM)

Noah's for Our Generation in a Post-Flood World

✝ **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS** ✝

- ➔ **Today:** Our Voters and Dorcas Guild are meeting today after church.
- ➔ **Among Us:** This week Jane Cowan was hospitalized at Mercy Hospital again for a wound with an infection. She had surgery to repair this and is now on meds to help her. Fred Dauer was also hospitalized at Maple Grove Hospital with breathing issues. Both have returned home. Fred will also be having surgery sometime soon to repair an aneurism in his stomach. **Psalm 86:6** "Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; And attend to the voice of my supplications."
- ➔ **Summer Hospitality:** If anyone wishes to host any of the Sundays in summer, please sign up on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.
- ➔ **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. There is also a sign-up list for providing snacks during the week.
- ➔ **Installation:** This afternoon, Jonah Albrecht is being ordained and installed as the pastor of Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood WA and Ascension Lutheran, Tacoma WA. Praise the Lord of the Harvest for sending workers into His fields! Please keep Jonah and both congregations in your prayers, and may the Spirit bless their Gospel work together. And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus (Eph. 4:19).
- ➔ **CLC News:** Pastor Sam Rodebaugh of Faith Lutheran in Manchester, MO (St. Louis area), has received the call to be the third pastor at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI. ✝ Missionary Peter Evensen has returned the call from Calvary Lutheran in Marquette, MI. Calvary has now called Pastor Jim Albrecht of St. John's Lutheran in Okabena, MN. ✝ Mrs. Loretta Leinberger has accepted the call to be Pre-K Teacher as well as Kindergarten Assistant from Gethsemane Lutheran of Saginaw, MI.

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 Pastor Hein. He would be delighted to visit with you!

CLC E-Devotion – November 9, 2015

2 Peter 3:3-7, 10 ... In the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. They will say, "Where is this 'coming' He promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation." But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens came into being and the earth was formed out of water and by water. By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment ... the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

THE LAST DAY WILL COME

Has anyone ever made fun of your belief that Christ will return on the Last Day? Probably not. The world we live in today doesn't consider that "old-fashioned" belief a concept worth challenging. The very idea just doesn't fit with current accepted thought. Most today assume that this world will continue indefinitely -- or at least a few million years or until some catastrophic event (cosmic or nuclear or ecological) makes this earth uninhabitable.

But unbelieving speculations have never set aside God's plans. And His word is clear: "The Day of the Lord will come."

Peter says that this is as sure as another world-wide catastrophe. The flood. And, like the flood, for many the Last Day will be a day of destruction. A "doomsday."

But, just as the flood for Noah meant rescue and deliverance, so also the Last Day will be a day of deliverance for all who trust in the Lord who will return on that Last Day of this earth's history.

We, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth (2 Peter 3:13).

Remember what Jesus said:

"When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near" (Luke 21:28).

In the meantime, how then shall we live?

Here's the question, and the Holy Spirit caused Peter to write about it: "Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God" (2 Peter 3:14).

Council Meeting Notes – July 9, 2023

Meeting opened with prayer. June Council meeting minutes were read and approved. June Treasurer's Report was presented and approved. There is a deficit of \$4,364.02 for the month.

Pastor's Report

- The VBS staff is in place with 18 students registered. The sign and the parade seem to have helped publicize the VBS.
- Sunday, July 30 is the potential date for installation of Teacher Levi Schaller.

Board of Elders' Report

- The Board of Elders did not have anything to report.

Board of Education Report

- Levi Schaller accepted the call to be the part-time kindergarten teacher.
- Board plans to meet this week to update plans for the 2023-24 school year.
- Inquiries for the school are ongoing. Still expecting 25 students for this year.
- The Board of Education plans to nominate Eli Wales to be Sunday School superintendent next year at the July Voters' meeting.
- The call to Levi specified that he start July 1st. The treasurer will need a W4 for Levi. The board provided compensation details to the treasurer.

Board of Trustees' Report

- A member of Messiah Eau Claire was contacted to help process the Employee Retention Credit application. That person is in contact with the treasurer.
- The sewer line was inspected and cleaned.
- A church work day is planned on July 29.

Other Business

- Benno reported: The Trustees determined that only one Home Depot credit card is necessary for Grace Church. The Trustees have that card, and because of Home Depot's requirements it will continue to be in Benno's name.
- Rick reported that the Sanctuary committee has reviewed the survey information relating to the proposed sanctuary improvements. They have met and will make recommendations to the Voters next week relating to floor covering, wall covering, and lighting.
- Benno is looking for the spare sanctuary light fixture that was placed in the fellowship hall when the new organ was installed.

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary Frank Radichel

CLC Financial Report - June

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2022	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 12 Months	Balance 6/30/2023
General Fund	0	1,049,069	1,243,612	1,279,200	- 194,543
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	1,619,040	1,521,312	1,551,600	97,728
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF) **	223,343	122,814	212,808		133,349
ILC Building Projects **	1,164,731	155,049	39,964		1,279,816
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	168,733	210,055	283,167		95,621
Kinship	194,437	151,499	177,650		168,286
Church Extension Fund (CEF) **	2,539,155	627,098	843,077		2,323,176
Student Aid Fund (SAF) **	127,406	152,366	134,373		145,399
CLC Reserve Fund**(YTD gains/losses)	190,153	6,550	0		196,703
Auxiliary Funds Totals	\$4,607,958	1,425,431	1,691,039		4,342,350

General Fund – June offerings: \$95,103 (Special: \$5,393) **VS** disbursements: **\$85,041**, for a positive cash flow of \$10,062, reducing the General Fund deficit at the close of this fiscal year June 30, to **-\$194,543**. What helped contain & reduce the deficit in this last month of the fiscal year is that our boards frugally underspent their General Fund budget subsidies by \$128,938, while members generously poured out offerings for the General Fund CBP, totaling \$1,049,069 for the estimated GF budget of \$1,280,000. Praise the Lord for the careful spending of our boards and for the generous offerings of our members with their regular support and special gifts of \$68,569! So, what about the **-\$194,543** deficit that's left? Some of that will come from unspent fund balances of some of our boards that been invested in the Reserve Fund. Read on for the blessing of our CLC Reserve Fund!

CLC Reserve Fund holds funds from earlier years when there were fewer expenses and extra funds to invest in our Investment Pool account to grow until needed, typically at the end of a deficit fiscal year. The Reserve Div/Int income growth since last July was \$12,025. Balance on 6/30: \$196,703. After the General Fund deficit payoff of \$101,148 on 7/1, the Reserve balance in FY24 will be \$95,555.

ILC Operations – June revenue: \$115,685 VS disbursements: **\$119,376** (incl \$80,992 wages; \$14,261 Food Service; \$11,901, Bldgs/Ground/Utilities; \$1,344 Education/Instruction; \$6,580, Admin. Annual ILC Budget: \$1,552,000.

IIF – June receipts: \$12,079 (\$9,426 special gifts; \$2,453/mo bequest; \$200 offerings) **VS** \$47,016 (37,814, South Hall water heater; \$8,210, professorage upgrades; \$993 GBO workstation & software.

ILC Bldg – June receipts: \$4,315; (\$2,453 monthly bequest; \$1,862 offerings) **VS** disbursed: **\$0**. FY23 Annual Div/Int income received: \$57,641. Net capital gains \$34,805. Annual increase, \$115,085.

CEF – June receipts: \$27,930 (P&I payments) **VS** disbursed: **\$116,955** (\$112,840 Notes repaid, & admin \$4,102). Div/Int income since July: \$113,519. Annual Increase \$215,979 after \$370k New Notes

MDF – June receipts: \$15,198 (Offerings) **VS** disbursed **\$19,100** (\$1,042, Computer; \$12,826 Exploratory; \$2,500, Bldg Assist; \$1,579 Missn Helpers

SAF – June Rcpts: \$64,933 (\$60k Endowment withdrawal; \$1317, Gifts) **VS** Disb: **\$2,414** Grants, Loans Div/Int income since last July: SAF: \$64,577; PMP: (Pastor/Teacher Prep): \$76,077; Scholarship: \$5,009.

Kinship – June receipts: \$11,946; (\$5,150 offerings, \$6,796 sponsors) **VS** disbursed: **\$1,170** (1,939, Admin; \$900, Sem students; \$180, \$90, widows). **EduK8 Fund –** receipts \$150. Balance \$28,578

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Jan Davis

Elder: Dale Enns

Ushers: Larry Brandt; Jeremiah Boe; Dale Enns; Duane Enns; Brandon Paplow; Pat Paplow

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

Church Cleaners: Volunteers?

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Larry Brandt; Jeremiah Boe; Dale Enns; Duane Enns; Brandon Paplow; Pat Paplow

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

Church Cleaners: Volunteers?

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

- Sun., July 16:** 9:00 am – Worship (Pentecost 7)
 10:15 am – Voters & Dorcas Guild Meetings
- Sun., July 23:** 9:00 am – Worship (Pentecost 8)
- July 24-28:** 9:00-11:30 am – Vacation Bible School
- Sat., July 29:** 9:00 am – Grace Work Day
- Sun., July 30:** 9:00 am – Worship (Pentecost 9)
- Sat., Aug. 5:** 9:00 am – Grace School Work Day
- Mon., Aug. 14:** 7:00 pm – Grace School Ice Cream Social
- Sun., Aug. 20:** 3:00 pm – Immanuel Opening Service
- Mon., Aug. 28:** Grace School's Opening Day

Last Week's Stats: July 9, 2023 Sun.: 70

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,985	CLC:	\$745				
Weekly Need (est.):	Grace:	4,800	CLC:	1,080				
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-815	CLC:	-335				
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$128,820	CLC:	\$30,607				
Year-to-Date Need (est.):	Grace:	134,400	CLC:	30,240				
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-5,580	CLC:	+367				
GLC Other:	0	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	50	Sanctuary:	50	
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	300	Kinship:	110	EduK8:	0	
ILC Student Aid:	0	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF:	0	CEF:	0	
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid:		\$3,001	Sanctuary:				\$12,425



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