

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 14

Date: September 3, 2023

✠ **WORSHIP INFORMATION** ✠

Hymns:

TLH 7: As We Begin Another Week

TLH 540: With the Lord Begin Thy Task

TLH 572: Praise to God, Immortal Praise

Communion: TLH 314, Meditative Music

TLH 566: Christ, by Heavenly Hosts Adored

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 90, TLH p. 142

Liturgy:

TLH p. 15 (Communion)

Gloria: TLH 9:5

Scripture Readings:

Ecclesiastes 5:18-20

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Sermon: Ephesians 6:5-9

⁵ Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ; ⁶ not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, ⁷ with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men, ⁸ knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether *he is* a slave or free. ⁹ And you, masters, do the same things to them, giving up threatening, knowing that your own Master also is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him. (NKJVTM)

God's Blessing & Order of Work

✝ ***THE ANNOUNCEMENTS*** ✝

- ➔ **Service Schedule:** The Sunday schedule will be changing next Sunday, September 10. Sunday School and Bible Class will begin at 9:00 am with regular morning worship at 10:00 am.
- ➔ **Profession of Faith:** Next Sunday, Dan Kelley will be baptized in the name of the Triune God and profess his faith before the congregation. May Dan's membership at Grace be a blessing to all!
- ➔ **Sunday School:** Those interested in teaching or occasionally subbing may speak with Pastor or Eli Wales.
- ➔ **Among Us:** Fred Dauer was once again hospitalized with pneumonia. "... you are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time" (1 Peter 1:5).
- ➔ **Volleyball:** Berea in Inver Grove Hts. is forming a volleyball team for girls in grades 5-8. Practices will be Tue. & Thu. 3:30-5 pm. Games will be on Tue. & Thu. as well, Sept. through Oct. Email Jess Sydow if interested: jess.sydow@gmail.com. General questions can be directed to Heidi Nelson.
- ➔ **Man Up! Weekend:** September 21-24, at Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. Registration is \$150. This includes lodging and meals. Register by going to: www.manup.clclutheran.org.
- ➔ **CLC News:** Pastor Sam Rodebaugh of Faith Lutheran in Manchester, MO (St. Louis area), has returned the third pastor call from Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI. Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Lutheran in West Columbia, SC, has now received this call. ✝ Pastor James Albrecht of St. John's Lutheran in Okabena, MN, has returned the call from Calvary Lutheran in Marquette, MI. Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran in Rapid City, SD, has now received this call. ✝ Missionary Peter Evensen has returned the call from Resurrection Lutheran in Corpus Christi, TX. ✝ Pastor Paul Nolting of Grace Lutheran in Valentine, NE, Peace Lutheran in Mission, SD, and St. Paul's Lutheran in White River, SD, has accepted the call from the CLC Board of Missions to serve as a part-time visiting foreign missionary to serve our East African brethren in Tanzania. ✝ The center of Hurricane Idalia passed over Grace Lutheran in Live Oak, FL., (between Jacksonville & Tallahassee) on early Wednesday morning with sustained winds well above 100 mph. It's been reported that the members of Grace are safe and were spared significant damage.

The Lord's Supper Preparation

As a reminder, communicants are to examine themselves prior to communing. 1 Corinthians 11:27: "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup."

Prayer before the Lord's Supper:

Lord God, You invite all who are burdened with sin to come to You for rest. In the sacrament of Holy Baptism You called me to be Your child by the Holy Spirit. I now come at Your invitation to receive the holy body and blood of my Savior, Jesus Christ, in the sacrament of Holy Communion. Prepare my heart, Lord, to receive this precious meal with a repentant heart: sorry for my sins and recognizing they deserve punishment, but also rejoicing in the full forgiveness You have granted me by grace through Jesus' holy and precious blood shed for me at the cross. Strengthen my faith, increase my love and hope in You, and assure me of Your blessed peace. Hear me for the sake of Jesus, my dear Savior. Amen.

Prayer after the Lord's Supper:

Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to me in this holy sacrament. Thanks and praise be to You for Your divine tenderness and love shown to me, Your child. I humbly ask you, now that I've received Your body and blood in the Sacrament, continue to fill me with the power of Your Holy Spirit. May I be led to ever embrace by faith the treasures of Your grace imparted to me, especially the forgiveness of sins and fellowship with You. Keep me in Your faith and favor that I may live in You and You may live in me. Let the love that You have shown me enable me, with a forgiven and tender heart, to love You and my neighbor. Preserve me in the true faith until everlasting life. Hear me, O Jesus, for the sake of Your dear name. Amen.

TLH 306

1. Lord Jesus Christ, Thou hast prepared
A feast for our salvation,
It is Thy body and Thy blood;
And at Thy invitation
As weary souls, with sin opprest,
We come to Thee for needed rest,
For comfort and for pardon.

4. We eat this bread and drink this cup,
Thy precious Word believing
That Thy true body and Thy blood
Our lips are here receiving.
This word remains forever true,
And there is naught Thou canst not do;
For Thou, Lord, art almighty.

7. Grant that we worthily receive
Thy Supper, Lord, our Savior,
And, truly grieving o'er our sins,
May prove by our behavior
That we are thankful for Thy grace
And day by day may run our race,
In holiness increasing.

8. For Thy consoling Supper, Lord,
Be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in every place
The world against it rages.
Grant that this Sacrament may be
A blessed comfort unto me
When living and when dying.

1 Corinthians 10:16

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

Council Meeting Notes – August 13, 2023

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

Pastor's Report

- Guest speakers are scheduled during Pastor's vacation:
 - August 13 - Missionary Bruce Naumann
 - August 20 - Pastor David Schierenbeck
 - August 27 - Pastor John Schierenbeck
- Motion approved to accept the transfer of Kyle and Theresa Aymond (as communicants), along with children George and Ally (as pre-communicants), from Living Savior Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie.
- Dan Kelley has completed adult instruction class with Pastor. In agreement with our doctrine, he intends to get baptized on Sept. 10 and publicly profess his faith on the same day.
- Pastor installed Levi Schaller as Part-Time Kindergarten Teacher on July 30.
- Many thanks to the VBS staff: Sienna Boe, Naomi Story, Uriah Wales, Heidi Nelson, Jan Davis, Susan Nelson, and Janelle Hein. 27 young souls attended on July 24-28.
- Pastor plans to conduct Bible class this fall.
- Pastor Nathanael Mayhew is still on docket for Mission Festival on Oct. 8.

Board of Elders' Report

- There was no Elders' report.

Board of Education Report

- Furniture has been purchased and the contents of the school rooms have been re-organized.
- There was a school cleanup day on August 5.
- We are currently expecting 23 students in the 2023-24 school year.
- The opening of school is scheduled for August 28.

Board of Trustees' Report

- No trustee's report

Other Business

- A Health Reimbursement Account was described. It would not affect the staff insurance accounts. In 2019 our group insurance was declined based on MN state law. The intent of the account would be to cover insurance deductible and insurance premium up to a preset limit. Motion approved to more fully investigate HRAs with the intent to implement them.
- Employee Retention Credit documentation has been submitted. We hope to get about \$6,000 from the government in about 6 months.
- The Gusto Payroll system was presented. It would greatly simplify the treasurer's job in dealing with payroll and government requirements. The Realm system for contribution and accounting was presented. A motion approved to implement the Gusto and Realm systems.
- The Fidelity account we have can do what the Wells Fargo brokerage account can do. A motion approved to delete the Wells Fargo brokerage account.

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary Frank Radichel

CLC Financial Report - July

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2023	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 1 Month	Balance 7/31/2023
General Fund	0	112,871	111,360	99,300	1,511
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	66,428	155,134	136,500	- 88,706
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	133,349	2,674	45,119		90,904
ILC Building Projects	1,279,816	26,159	51,882		1,254,093
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	95,621	5,446	20,055		81,012
Kinship	168,286	7,907	19,340		156,853
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	2,323,176	63,959	16,779		2,370,356
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	145,399	6,143	948		150,594
CLC Reserve Fund (YTD gains/losses)	95,555	1,712	0		97,267
Auxiliary Funds Totals	\$4,241,202	\$114,000	\$154,123		\$4,201,079

General Fund – July offerings: \$112,871 (Special: \$23,680) **VS disbursements: \$111,360**, for a positive cash flow of \$1,511 Note the \$0 balances for the General Fund & ILC Operations to begin the new fiscal year July 1. At the fiscal year end June 30, the CLC Reserve Fund receives positive balances from any unspent Board subsidies & General Fund positive balances, or pays year end deficits of the 4 Boards & the General Fund. All of the other fund balances carry over, as can be seen above, since they receive no subsidy. Annual General Fund Budget: \$1,191,682.

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. Balance on 6/30: \$196,703. After the General Fund deficit payoff of \$101,148 on 7/1, the Reserve balance to begin FY24 was \$95,555.

ILC Operations – July receipts: \$66,428 VS disbursements: \$155,134 (incl \$92,076 Wages; \$42,709 Property Insurance; \$6,873, Admin.) The ILC Operating budget was positive the last fiscal year and will recover from the July shortfall with student revenues when school resumes. Annual ILC Budget: \$1,638,312.

IIF – July receipts: \$2,674 (\$2,453/mo bequest; \$221 offerings) **VS disbursements: \$45,119** (incl \$45,000 hail damage repairs.)

ILC Bldg – July receipts: \$26,159; (\$2,453 monthly bequest; \$3,346 offerings \$20,360 market value increase of investments) **VS disbursed: \$51,882** (building plans).

CEF – July receipts: \$63,959 (incl \$22,291 P&I payments \$41,628 market value increase of investments) **VS disbursed: \$16,779** (\$12,827 Notes repaid; \$3,952 Admin.)

MDF – July receipts: \$5,446 (Offerings) **VS disbursed \$20,055** (incl \$2,207 Computer; \$2,800 Bicycles; \$2,935 Exploratory; \$5,000 Bldg Assist; \$6,007 Missionaries & Edu.)

SAF – July Rcppts: \$6,143 (\$1,376 Gifts; \$4,767 P&I payments) **VS Disb: \$948**

Kinship – July receipts: \$7,907; (\$4,097 offerings, \$3,810 sponsors) **VS disbursed: \$19,340** (\$900 Admin; \$9,100 Orphans \$9,250 Sem students; \$90 Widows).

EduK8 Fund – July receipts: \$2,151. Balance \$30,730

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: **Maureen Ochsner** Elder: **Benno Sydow**

Ushers: **Eli Wales; Alex Baker; Kevin Baker; James Bomber; Dan Degnan; David Hein; Ryan Oman; Bob Vandev eer**

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

Church Cleaners: **R. & H. Nelson** School: **Baker**

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

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**

Church Cleaners: **R. & H. Nelson** School: **Baker**

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Sept. 3: 9:00 am – Worship w/Lord's Supper (Pentecost 14)

Mon., Sept. 4: Labor Day – No School

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

Thu., Sept. 7: Grace School – 47th Year Anniversary (began 9/7/1976)

Sun., Sept. 10: **Return to Regular Schedule**

9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School

10:00 am – Worship (Pentecost 15)

12:00 am – Council Meeting

Mon., Sept. 11: MN Pastoral Study Club (Fridley, MN)

Sun., Sept. 17: Grace Church Picnic (following worship)

Mon., Sept. 25: 7:00 pm – Grace School's Parent Night

Fri., Sept. 29: Grace School Field Trip

Sun., Oct. 8: Mission Festival (Guest Speaker: Pastor Nathanael Mayhew)

Oct. 8-10: Minnesota Pastoral Conference

Mon., Oct. 16: Grace School Parent/Teacher Conferences

Oct. 16-20: Grace School Fall Break

Oct. 18-20: CLC Teachers' Conference (Inver Grove Hts., MN)

Last Week's Stats: Aug. 27, 2023 Sun.: 70

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$6,276	CLC:	\$1,965			
Weekly Need (est.):	Grace:	4,800	CLC:	1,080			
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+1,476	CLC:	+885			
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$159,431	CLC:	\$36,137			
Year-to-Date Need (est.):	Grace:	168,000	CLC:	37,800			
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-8,569	CLC:	-1,663			
GLC Other:	0	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	130	Sanctuary:	75
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	20	Kinship:	260	EduK8:	0
ILC Student Aid:	0	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF:	0	CEF:	0
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid: \$3,706		Sanctuary: \$12,905				