

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 22

Date: October 29, 2023

✝ **WORSHIP INFORMATION** ✝

Hymns:

TLH 266: O God, Our Lord, Thy Holy Word
TLH 624: O Blessed home Where Man and Wife
TLH 625: Oh, Blest the House, Whate'er Befall
TLH 283: God's Word is Our Great Heritage

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 46, TLH p. 134

Liturgy:

WS p. 12 (Projected)

Scripture Readings:

Proverbs 5:1-23

Matthew 19:1-15

Sermon: Hebrews 13:4

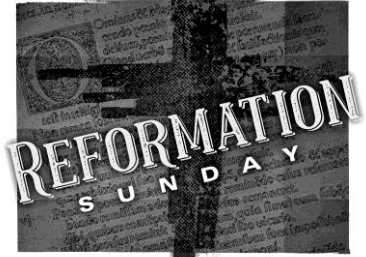
⁴ Marriage *is* honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge. (NKJVTM)

A Reformation Hallmark: Marriage is Honorable



† **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS** †

- ➔ **Minnesota Area Reformation Festival:** Today Grace will be hosting the Minnesota Area Reformation service at 4 pm. Pastor Ted Barthels will be our preacher with the theme: *"Courage to Confess Christ with Certainty in a Currently Corrupt Culture."* Following the service there will be a fellowship meal with chicken supplied by the church. Grace members are asked to bring side dishes and desserts to share. We are currently estimating about 150 in attendance. Dorcas Guild Committee #2 will be hosting.



- ➔ **Thanks** to all who participated in yesterday's work day.
- ➔ **Clocks Back:** Next Sunday is the return to standard time. Please remember to turn your clocks back an hour.

- ➔ **Alumni Assoc.:** One of the valuable organizations of the past has been the Immanuel Alumni Association. This is still registered as a 503c organization with a constitution to support things at Immanuel.



But it has been lifeless for a number of years, even though from time to time some sincere interest in this has been expressed. Its former president, Gerald Oster, is willing to help revitalize this group if enough devoted volunteers step forward to help him. He believes that a commitment of about ten hours per month would be necessary to vault this back to life. The following gifts would be needed: a leader with vision to guide the group, an organizer to make sure things get done on schedule, an IT person for technical issues, a recruiter, and an "ideas" person. It would really be beneficial and exciting to see this group flourish once again to bring new life in organizing those who have graduated from Immanuel. One would reckon that former students would be willing and eager to champion their alma mater which is nestled in the quiet beauty of the tall, green pines. Those interested, please contact Gerald Oster (gnaoster@gmail.com/715-441-7293).

- ➔ **Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors' Day** is Fri., November 10 on the ILC campus in Eau Claire, WI. Activities will begin with chapel at 10:05 am in the Field House, followed by presentations and classroom visits until 2:50 p.m. Come and learn more about your church's college, and consider continuing your education in a solidly Christian setting! Visitors will be our guests for lunch and supper in the cafeteria, and in the evening are invited to join us for ILC's fall production, *Beauty and the Beast*. Speak with your pastor if you're interested in attending. For questions, contact Academic Dean Paul Naumann. Office: 715-836-6636, cell: 253-228-8736, e-mail: paul.naumann@ilc.edu.
- ➔ **Nominations for Immanuel Professor Call:** The Board of Regents for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary invites "all pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of member congregations of the Church of the Lutheran Confession" (CLC Constitution) to nominate an individual or individuals to fill the vacancy which will be created by the retirement of Professor Mark Kranz at the end of the 2023-24 academic year. The position would be best served by someone who is teacher trained and has the ability to teach high school (if nominee is male or female) and college classes (if nominee is male) primarily in social studies (history/geography), elementary education methods, and other potential disciplines commencing with the 2024-25 academic year. Those submitting nominations would need to include information regarding the nominee's educational background and teaching and/or professional experience, also indicating how the person might help our school in technology expertise, extracurricular activities, or administrative positions. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight November 20, 2023 (letters postmarked November 10, 2023) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: jeb6217@yahoo.com.
- ➔ **Sunday School Memory Work: #8 – Sixth Commandment**

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!

Voters Meeting Notes – October 15, 2023

Meeting opened with prayer. The July Voters' meeting minutes were read, corrected and approved.

Treasurer's Report

- The 3rd quarter Treasurer's Report was presented and approved.
- Council moved funds from the CLC note and Wells Fargo savings to the Fidelity account to get a better return.

Pastor's Report

- Motion approved to accept Dan Kelley into communicant membership per his profession of faith on Sept. 10.
- Motion approved to accept Dan Kelley as a voter.
- In August the Council approved the transfer of Kyle Aymond with his wife Theresa (as communicants), along with children George and Ally (as pre-communicants) from Living Savior Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie.
- Motion approved to accept Kyle Aymond as a voter.
- Pastor conducted the funeral of Fred Dauer on Oct. 7.
- Pastor installed Teacher Levi Schaller on July 30.
- Mission festival was on Oct. 8 with Pastor Nathaniel Mayhew as preacher.
- Grace hosts the MN Reformation Service on Oct. 29, 4 pm with Pastor Ted Barthels to preach.

Board of Elders' Report

- There are two racks in the narthex. One rack will be removed.

Board of Education Report

- School has started well with 23 students in attendance.
- Grace has paid \$1,200 ILHS tuition for each of the two Grace students.

Board of Trustees' Report

- With help from a CPA, Grace has filed a 941x form to request an Employee Retention Credit from the IRS, expecting about \$6,000 in about 6 months.
- Church fall clean-up day is scheduled on October 28 at 9 am.
- Parking lot cracks have been sealed.

Other Business

- Crown molding, windows framing, and painting has been completed. Carpet installation is planned this coming week. Thanks to all the volunteers.
- Motion approved the 2024 Grace calendar.

Budget

- Motion approved the Council recommended 2024 budget of \$254,953.
- Education: \$136,523; Elders: \$79,430; and Trustees: \$39,000.
- This is \$21,000 more than the 2023 budget with our extra teacher. Salaries will be kept at current amount, but Grace will no longer contribute to an HSA for called worker families. This would mean that the Hein family will see a reduction of \$7,800 because of the removal of the HSA contribution. Voters were encouraged to try to make up this reduction through other methods.

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary Frank Radichel

CLC Financial Report - September

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2023	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 3 Months	Balance 9/30/2023
General Fund	0	271,532	301,968	297,900	(30,436)
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	467,324	422,717	409,500	44,607
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	133,349	44,961	62,662		115,648
ILC Building Projects	1,279,816	3,220	65,536		1,217,500
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	95,621	23,413	47,584		71,450
Kinship	168,286	24,455	55,384		137,357
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	2,323,176	101,577	46,813		2,377,940
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	145,399	13,346	53,927		104,818
Reserve Fund	95,555	(552)	0		95,003
Auxiliary Funds Totals	\$4,241,202	\$210,420	\$331,906		\$4,119,716

General Fund – September receipts: **\$76,616 VS** disbursements: **\$111,614**. The General Fund budget is funded by our “Cooperative Budget Plan” (CBP) offerings to subsidize the work of the Boards of Missions, Trustees, EdPub, & Regents (including ILC.) These are sometimes also referred to as “CLC Mission offerings.”

ILC Operations – September receipts: **\$131,705 VS** disbursements: **\$140,659**.

IIF – September receipts: **\$5,141 VS** disbursements: **\$17,286** (mostly hail damage repairs).

ILC Building – September receipts: Negative **\$22,450.58**; (\$7,891 offerings offset by a \$30,342 decrease in market value of investments) **VS** disbursements: **\$2,731** (building plans).

MDF – September receipts: **\$7,296 VS** disbursements: **\$17,932**. The balance in this fund is less than half of what it was a year ago. In addition to the many projects for which it has budgeted, this year it is also covering the entire cost of the third foreign missionary.

Kinship – September receipts: **\$7,040: VS** disbursements: **\$24,728** (including \$5,000 Disaster Relief).

CEF – September receipts: **\$28,990 VS** disbursements: **\$24,194** (including a short-term congregational loan of \$20,000).

SAF – September receipts: **\$3,002 VS** disbursements: **\$11,726**.

Reserve Fund is invested in interest/dividend-bearing accounts until needed, typically each fiscal year-end. The YTD Revenue of negative \$552 reflects the decrease in market value since July 1.

EduK8 Fund – September receipts: **\$2,685**. Balance **\$33,925**.

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: **Maureen Ochsner** *Elder:* **Dale Enns**

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

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

Church Cleaners: **Hulke** *School:* **Konway**

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

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: **Hulke** *School:* **Nelson**

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Oct. 29: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
 10:00 am – Worship (Pentecost 22)
 4:00 pm – Minnesota Reformation Festival (Grace Hosting)
 5:00 pm – Fellowship Meal (Committee #2 Hosting)

Tue., Oct 31: **Reformation Day**
Wed., Nov. 1: 4:30-6:15 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
Sun., Nov. 5: Standard Time Begins (Turn clock back one hour)
 8:30 am – Choir Practice
 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
 10:00 am – Worship w/Lord’s Supper (Pentecost 23)
 11:00 am – Hospitality

Fri., Nov. 10: ILC Visitors’ Day (Eau Claire, WI)
Nov. 10 & 11: 7:30 pm – ILC Musical, “Beauty and the Beast”
Wed., Nov. 22: 7:00 pm – Thanksgiving Eve Worship
Thu., Nov. 23: **Thanksgiving Day**

Last Week’s Stats: Oct. 22, 2023 Sun.: 82 S.S.: 13 B.Cl.: 30

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$1,528	CLC:	\$625			
Weekly Need (est.):	Grace:	4,800	CLC:	1,080			
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-3,272	CLC:	-455			
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$199,664	CLC:	\$47,472			
Year-to-Date Need (est.):	Grace:	206,400	CLC:	46,440			
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-6,736	CLC:	+1,032			
GLC Other:	20	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	15	Sanctuary:	150
SAF Endowment:	5	MDF:	5	Kinship:	120	EduK8:	0
ILC Student Aid:	5	ILC Bldg.	5	IIF:	0	CEF:	0
Current Balances:		Tuition Aid:	\$247	Sanctuary:	\$15,180		