

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 9

Date: July 21, 2024

✝ **WORSHIP INFORMATION** ✝

Hymns:

TLH 290: We Have a Sure Prophetic Word

TLH 265: Thine Honor Save, O Christ, Our Lord

WS 780: Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give

TLH 283: God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalms 19, TLH p. 126

Liturgy:

TLH p. 5 (Projected)

Scripture Readings:

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:7-13

Sermon: Amos 7:10-15

¹⁰ Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹

"For thus Amos has said: 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, And Israel shall surely be led away captive From their own land.'" ¹²

Then Amaziah said to Amos: "Go, you seer! Flee to the land of Judah. There eat bread, And there prophesy. ¹³ But never again

prophesy at Bethel, For it *is* the king's sanctuary, And it *is* the royal residence." ¹⁴ Then Amos answered, and said to Amaziah: "I

was no prophet, Nor *was* I a son of a prophet, But I *was* a sheepbreeder And a tender of sycamore fruit. ¹⁵ Then the LORD

took me as I followed the flock, And the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to My people Israel.'" (NKJVTM)

Called for Honest Proclamation

✝ ***THE ANNOUNCEMENTS*** ✝

- ➔ **Today:** Voters and Dorcas Guild Meetings will be held after worship.
- ➔ **Vacation Bible School:** This week will be our VBS, July 22-26, 9:00-11:30 am. We look at this as an opportunity to teach the Word of God to those who are coming. Please keep this in your prayers!
- ➔ **VBS Snacks:** A sign-up is available for those who could bring snacks. Please anticipate about 15 attendees.
- ➔ **Tuition Aid Fund:** Grace Lutheran Church has a fund to help with tuition for member children attending ILHS in Eau Claire. It has been a number of years since Grace has had four students going to ILHS. We thank God that so many are seeking this means for their children to grow in Grace. Tuition at ILHS is \$4,400 per student per year. Room and Board is not included in tuition.
- ➔ **Summer Hospitality:** If anyone wishes to host any of the Sundays in summer, please sign up on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.
- ➔ **Invitation:** Prince of Peace Lutheran of Hecla, SD, has its annual Harvest Festival: 4 pm, Sunday, Aug. 11. This year, the service and meal are hosted by the Schwab family farm: 7305 124th Ave SE, Englevale, ND 58033. For more details contact pastor_daub@hotmail.com.
- ➔ **Retirement:** Messiah Lutheran, Hales Corners, WI, will be honoring Pastor Michael Eichstadt's retirement on Sun., Sept. 8, 2024. Info. is available by contacting the president, Jim Lisak at jlisak@wi.rr.com. Those wishing to send greetings/communications should send them to Ted Quade at tedquade@gmail.com by Sept. 1.
- ➔ **Women's Retreat West:** This year's Women's Retreat West is hosted by the Women's Fellowship of St Paul in Bismarck, ND on Sept. 13-15. Theme: "Be Encouraged, to Excel Still More." For info. or to register by Aug. 13: womensretreat.clclutheran.net/womens-retreat-west/ or contact Sandy Roehl at sroehl@bis.midco.net
- ➔ **CLC News:** Pastor Luke Bernthal of St. Stephen Lutheran (West) in Mountain View, CA (San Francisco area) and St. Stephen Lutheran (East) in Hayward, CA (Oakland area) has accepted the call to Messiah Lutheran in Hales Corners, WI, following Pastor Michael Eichstadt's retirement in September. ✝ Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran in Rapid City, SD, has returned the call to Grace Lutheran in Sleepy Eye, MN. ✝ Pastor Jim Albrecht of St. John's Lutheran in Okabena, MN, has announced that he is retiring from the ministry at the end of this year. ✝ Missionary Peter Evensen has had to be treated with blood thinner for blood clots in his knees and foot while traveling in Nebraska. He hopes to get to Spokane, WA, to recuperate. He requests our prayers.

Voter Meeting Notes – July 14, 2024

Meeting opened with prayer. June Council meeting minutes were read and approved. June Treasurer's report was reviewed and approved.

Pastor's Report

- There was no pastor's report. He will update next month.

Board of Elders' Report

- Rick has the invoice ready for the shirts that were made for the church. That invoice will be paid from the Elders' budget.

Board of Education Report

- \$33,350 in non-member tuition was received in the 2023-24 school year.
- Background checks and training for staff will be updated and documented.
- Grace handbook ILHS tuition payment wording needs to be updated to state that Grace will pay "up to" 100% of ILHS student tuition.
- Kevin suggested and the consensus agreed that Pastor put information in the bulletin about the Tuition Aid Fund, including the ILHS tuition cost and the number of Grace members attending ILHS this year.
- The kindergarten teacher would like to have kindergarten t-shirts. Laura will work with Rick to get the t-shirts.

Board of Trustees' Report

- Work has begun on the lilacs. Lilacs larger than 2 inches in diameter have been removed. About 66% of work is done. The workday on July 27 should complete this task. This process will be repeated next year to remove lilacs larger than 1 ½ inch. About five truckloads of brush were removed.
- Weeds in the yard have been sprayed.

Other Business

- The sanctuary committee will present the results of the altar survey at the July Voters' meeting. Removing the sections of the altar in stages has been helpful. Thanks to Jeff for making the cross. The electronic survey had not been sent to the congregation. The council would like to send that to the congregation early this week so that we can get as many survey responses before the voters' meeting as possible.
- There will be a presentation to the Voters next week, proposing that Grace offer the ability to make online contributions. The cost will be 2-2.5% of related contributions. Benno thinks that use of online giving will simplify things both for the contributors and the counters. Rick and Brian both think that the process of preparing a weekly contribution is beneficial and that something is lost when contribution is put on auto-pay.
- Benno thinks we need to get another person to help with the Realm system.
- There was a discussion about the best way to support the Pastor and Janelle fulfill their calls. The Elders are encouraged to discuss this with Pastor Hein.

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary Frank Radichel

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: **Jan Davis**

Elder: **Benno Sydow**

Ushers: **Eli Wales; Alex Baker; Kevin Baker; Dan Kelley; Ryan Oman; Bob Vandever; Uriah Wales**

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

Church Cleaners: **Sydow**

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: **Eli Wales; Alex Baker; Kevin Baker; Dan Kelley; Ryan Oman; Bob Vandever; Uriah Wales**

Counting Team 3: **Duane Enns; Tom Graham; Kevin Hulke; Dan Degnan; Benno Sydow**

Church Cleaners: **Volunteers?**

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

- Sun., July 21:** 9:00 am – Worship (Pentecost 9)
10:15 am – Voters & Dorcas Guild Meetings
- July 22-26:** 9:00-11:30 am – Vacation Bible School
- Sat., July 27:** 9:00 am – Grace Work Day
- Sun., July 28:** 9:00 am – Worship (Pentecost 10)
- Sat., Aug. 3:** 9:00 am – Grace School Work Day
- Sun., Aug. 4:** 9:00 am – Worship w/Lord's Supper (Pentecost 11)
- Mon. Aug. 12:** 7:00 pm – Grace School Ice Cream Social
- Sun., Aug. 25:** 3:00 pm – Immanuel Opening Service (Eau Claire, WI)
- Mon., Aug. 26:** Grace School's Opening Day

Last Week's Stats: July 14, 2024 Sun.: 61

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$1,856	CLC:	\$360			
Weekly Need (est.):	Grace:	4,900	CLC:	1,135			
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-3,044	CLC:	-775			
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$131,474	CLC:	\$31,775			
Year-to-Date Need (est.):	Grace:	137,200	CLC:	31,780			
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-5,726	CLC:	-5			
GLC Other:	20	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	50	Sanctuary:	75
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	50	Kinship:	160	EduK8:	0
ILC Student Aid:	0	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF:	0	CEF:	0
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid:		\$2,217	Sanctuary:		\$6,810	



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