

# Grace Lutheran Church & School



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

**Church Year:** Pentecost 10 / VBS Review

**Date:** July 28, 2024

## ✝ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✝

### Hymns:

TLH 2: To Thy Temple I Repair (VBS Hymn)

TLH 17: Oh, Worship the King

WS 744: How Great Thou Art

Installation of Teacher Laura Wales

LSB 861: Christ Be My Leader

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

### Worship Prep:

Psalm 84, TLH p. 139f.

### Liturgy:

WS p. 12 (Projected)

### Scripture Readings:

Colossians 3:12-17

John 4:5-14,19-26

### Sermon: Psalm 84

<sup>1</sup>How lovely *is* Your tabernacle, O Lord of hosts! <sup>2</sup>My soul longs, yes, even faints For the courts of the Lord; My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. <sup>3</sup>Even the sparrow has found a home, And the swallow a nest for herself, Where she may lay her young— *Even* Your altars, O Lord of hosts, My King and my God. <sup>4</sup>Blessed *are* those who dwell in Your house; They will still be praising You. Selah <sup>5</sup>Blessed *is* the man whose strength *is* in You, Whose heart *is* set on pilgrimage. <sup>6</sup>*As they* pass through the Valley of Baca, They make it a spring; The rain also covers it with pools. <sup>7</sup>They go from strength to strength; *Each one* appears before God in Zion. <sup>8</sup>O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; Give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah <sup>9</sup>O God, behold our shield, And look upon the face of Your anointed. <sup>10</sup>For a day in Your courts *is* better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God Than dwell in the tents of wickedness. <sup>11</sup>For the Lord God *is* a sun and shield; The Lord will give grace and glory; No good *thing* will He withhold From those who walk uprightly. <sup>12</sup>O Lord of hosts, Blessed *is* the man who trusts in You! (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

## My Soul Longs for the Courts of the LORD

## ✝ ***THE ANNOUNCEMENTS*** ✝

- ➔ **Installation:** Today we welcome Teacher Laura Wales as she will be installed during today's worship service. We welcome her to our teaching staff, praying that her ministry to the Lord's lambs will be richly blessed. Hospitality will be held following worship.
- ➔ **VBS Update:** This week 14 children participated in Grace's Vacation Bible School. We thank the LORD for blessing the week with instruction in His Word as the focus was on church and what it means to worship the LORD. Thanks to the teaching staff plus the coordinators for crafts, music, and fun time. Also, thanks to those who contributed snacks and volunteered in other ways to make VBS a success.
- ➔ **Our Christian Day School:** We support and operate a Christian Day School with grades K through 8<sup>th</sup>. We welcome all parents, even non-members, to consider this as a valuable resource for the upbringing of their children. If you are interested in enrolling, please speak with Mrs. Janelle Hein or Pastor Hein. Our school year begins on August 26.
- ➔ **Thanks** to all who participated in yesterday's work day!
- ➔ **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](mailto: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](mailto:jlisak@wi.rr.com). Those wishing to send greetings/communications should send them to Ted Quade at [tedquade@gmail.com](mailto: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. This year's theme is: "Be Encouraged, to Excel Still More." The retreat will begin with a dinner cruise on the Missouri River and include presentations on hospitality, witnessing, mentoring, Bible study strategies, creative ideas for journaling, prayer, and memorization, a variety of mini sessions, and optional excursions to the ND Heritage Center and Annual Bismarck Street Fair. For info. or to register by Aug. 13: [womensretreat.clclutheran.net/womens-retreat-west/](http://womensretreat.clclutheran.net/womens-retreat-west/) or contact Sandy Roehl at [sroehl@bis.midco.net](mailto:sroehl@bis.midco.net)
- ➔ **CLC News:** Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ, has received the call to Grace Lutheran in Sleepy Eye, MN.

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## Why Send Our Children to Grace Lutheran School?

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This question is one that many parents may have asked themselves at the beginning of each new school year. Perhaps you wonder, will my child get a good quality education if he/she attends Grace Lutheran School? Won't he/she fall behind his/her peers with fewer opportunities for social contact with children of a similar age?

It is not our goal to compete with public schools. We share a similar goal in that we seek to educate our children in reading, writing, and arithmetic. But while the public schools prepare children for life in this world, we seek to prepare them both for their lives as Children of God in this world and for eternal life in the world to come. For this reason –

- ➔ In our school the children receive a Christ-centered education with daily training from the Word of God. Not only is the child's faith built up through daily devotions, every subject is taught from the viewpoint of God's authoritative and inspired Word in the Bible.
- ➔ We use God's powerful Word to teach the children real values and morals based upon the 10 Commandments and the Gospel of Christ. Both Law and Gospel are brought to bear, for it is the Law that uncovers sin; but the Good News of what Christ alone has done for our forgiveness and salvation can create both the willingness and ability to live a Christ-like life.

But do our children receive a quality education? Do they advance to the same extent that their peers in the public schools do? Yes. In fact, our students historically receive higher-than-grade-level scores on standardized tests which evaluate each student's progress. Why is this?

- ➔ Subject Matter. We teach subjects without getting into social engineering and emphasize basic truths of every subject matter.
- ➔ Size. In our school the teacher-to-student ratio favors the students. Every child receives considerable personal attention. This type of 'hands on' teaching leads to real learning and advancement. By the conclusion of our last school year some of the students have already advanced to complete portions of their next grade level.

Well, maybe the education is comparable or even better, but won't the children lack social awareness with such a sheltered education? No.

- ➔ Students learn to communicate and function alongside children of different age groups. They learn self-control and manners as they deal with the teacher and other students in a one-room school. They develop lasting relationships with students who have more in common than age. They share a common faith in Jesus Christ.

For more information about Grace Lutheran School, speak with the Principal Janelle Hein (763.438.4877) or Pastor Hein (612.408.1635).

# Voter Meeting Notes – July 21, 2024

Meeting opened with prayer. April Voters' meeting minutes were read and approved. The second quarter Treasurer's Report was presented and approved. We are now using dates from bank statements in the reports.

## Pastor's Report

- Confirmation went well on May 19. Motion approved to ratify Lucas Boe, Cam Nelson, and Reagan Oman as communicant members.
- Pastor baptized Journey and Phoenix Gartner, two children of a non-member, Vanessa Gartner, on 6/16.
- Pastor recently baptized Lozen Inez Hicks, daughter of Karie (nee Davis) and Malachi Hicks, on 6/30.
- MN delegate conference at Grace went well. Thanks to all who helped.
- The CLC Convention went well. Tom and Benno were delegates.
- Pastor Delwyn Maas has accepted our invitation for Mission Festival.
- Laura Wales will be installed next Sun. as the part-time kindergarten teacher.
- Premarital counseling with John Maki and Maddie Olson is completed.
- The Elders did not have anything to report.

## Board of Education Report

- Laura Wales accepted the part-time kindergarten teacher call. She will have 4 prekindergarten & 2 kindergarten students. There will not be any preschool.
- \$33,350 in non-member tuition is expected in the 2024-25 school year.
- Motion approved to ratify Eli Wales as Sunday School Superintendent.

## Board of Trustees' Report

- The work on lilacs has gone well. About 33% of the growth was cut out by removing larger branches. There is some more work on the lilacs to be done.
- Grace Church work day is coming on July 27.

## Other Business

- Rick presented the results of the altar sanctuary survey with 75 responses. 63.6% of the communicants voted. Four options voting: 5.33% (#4), 8.45% (#2), with #1 (base altar w/cross) & #3 (keep original altar) got 46.43% & 45.07% (not revealed which % went with which option). Motion withdrawn to have a paper ballot and vote on option 1 or 3. Motion approved to ask the sanctuary committee to develop a completely new option for the altar.
- Phil presented options relating to online giving. He also listed what online giving services some other CLC congregations use. Motion approved to ask the Council to appoint a Voter to investigate online giving with the goal of making a recommendation to the Voters.

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary Frank Radichel

## **CLC Financial Report - June 2024**

<b>Operating Funds</b>	<b>Balance 7/1/2023</b>	<b>YTD Revenue</b>	<b>YTD Disbursed</b>	<b>Budget 12 Months</b>	<b>Balance 6/30/2024</b>
General Fund	0	1,095,330	1,165,418	1,191,682	(70,088)
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	1,663,403	1,614,842	1,638,312	48,561
<b>Auxiliary Funds</b>					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	133,349	75,766	98,136		110,979
ILC Building Projects	1,279,816	352,397	71,931		1,560,282
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	95,621	273,545	248,382		120,784
Kinship	168,286	179,966	178,368		169,884
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	2,323,176	976,935	615,903		2,684,208
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	145,399	140,722	168,804		117,317
Reserve Fund	95,555	5,936	21,527		79,964
<b>Auxiliary Funds Totals</b>	<b>\$4,241,202</b>	<b>\$2,005,267</b>	<b>\$1,403,051</b>		<b>\$4,843,418</b>

June is the end of our fiscal year, so it is a good time to look back and see how the year ended up financially. In the table above, under Operating Funds, you will see the revenue and disbursements for the **General Fund** and for **ILC Operations**. Comparing them to the budget for the year, contributions were \$96,352 less than the amount budgeted for the **General Fund**, and disbursements were \$26,264 less than budget, resulting in a shortfall of \$70,088. Thankfully, **ILC Operations** had \$25,091 more in revenue than was budgeted, and disbursements were \$23,470 less than budget, resulting in a positive balance for the year of \$48,561. Because the **General Fund** subsidizes **ILC Operations**, the balance that is left in **ILC Operations** is closed out to the **General Fund**. Netting the two still leaves the **General Fund** \$21,527 in the hole for the year. Consequently, that amount is pulled from the **Reserve Fund** to get the balance in the **General Fund** to zero at June 30. This leaves a balance of \$79,964 in the **Reserve Fund** to carry forward to future years.

For the new fiscal year beginning in July 2024, the convention passed a **General Fund** budget for contributions of \$1,312,993, which is an increase of 10.2% over last year's budget and 19.9% more than what was received last year. Most of the increase in the new budget is the result of a \$50,000 increase "for the purpose of assisting CLC congregations in the establishment and ongoing support of Christian Day Schools", the cost of moving half of the third missionary salary from MDF to the **General Fund**, along with salary increases.

For the **Auxiliary Funds** you can look at the numbers above to see how each of them fared. The revenue in the **Auxiliary Funds** included over \$450,000 that came by way of market gains for the year on the investments in **ILC Building Projects** and the **Church Extension Fund**.

Overall, it was truly a very good year financially. With the substantial budget increase, your prayers, consideration, and contributions are needed for the new year.

*Stephen R. Lentz, CLC Treasurer / Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees*

# ✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

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

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?**

# ✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

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

Counting Team 4: **Gary Gunther; Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust**

Church Cleaners: **Ochsner**

# ✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

**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)  
**Sun., Aug. 11:** 9:00 am – Worship (Pentecost 12)  
11:00 am – Council Meeting  
**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:** 8:00 am – Grace School's Opening Service  
**Sun., Sept. 8:** Regular Schedule Resumes  
9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School  
10:00 am – Worship (Pentecost 16)

**Last Week's Stats:** July 21, 2024    Sun.: 60

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$4,377	CLC:	\$870			
Weekly Need (est.):	Grace:	4,900	CLC:	1,135			
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-523	CLC:	-265			
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$135,851	CLC:	\$32,645			
Year-to-Date Need (est.):	Grace:	142,100	CLC:	32,915			
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-6,249	CLC:	-270			
GLC Other:	120	Living Faith:	5	Tuition Aid:	680	Sanctuary:	360
SAF Endowment:	10	MDF:	10	Kinship:	110	EduK8:	10
ILC Student Aid:	15	ILC Bldg.	15	IIF:	0	CEF:	0
Current Balances:		Tuition Aid:	\$2,897	Sanctuary:	\$7,170		



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