

# Grace Lutheran Church & School



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

**Date:** July 27, 2025

## ✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

### Hymns:

TLH 4: God Himself Is Present

TLH 40: The God of Abraham Praise

TLH 26: Praise the Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him

TLH 50: Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

### Worship Prep:

Psalm 119a, TLH p. 149

### Liturgy:

TLH p. 5 (Projected)

Gloria: TLH 36:3

### Scripture Readings:

Colossians 1:21-29

Luke 10:38-42

### Sermon: Genesis 18:1-15

<sup>1</sup> Then the LORD appeared to him by the terebinth trees of Mamre, as he was sitting in the tent door in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup> So he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing by him; and when he saw *them*, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the ground, <sup>3</sup> and said, "My Lord, if I have now found favor in Your sight, do not pass on by Your servant. <sup>4</sup> "Please let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup> "And I will bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh your hearts. After that you may pass by, inasmuch as you have come to your servant." They said, "Do as you have said." <sup>6</sup> So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quickly, make ready three measures of fine meal; knead *it* and make cakes." <sup>7</sup> And Abraham ran to the herd, took a tender and good calf, gave *it* to a young man, and he hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup> So he took butter and milk and the calf which he had prepared, and set *it* before them; and he stood by them under the tree as they ate. <sup>9</sup> Then they said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" So he said, "Here, in the tent." <sup>10</sup> And He said, "I will certainly return to you according to the time of life, and behold, Sarah your wife shall have a son." (Sarah was listening in the tent door which was behind him.) <sup>11</sup> Now Abraham and Sarah were old, well advanced in age; and Sarah had passed the age of childbearing. <sup>12</sup> Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, "After I have grown old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?" <sup>13</sup> And the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, saying, 'Shall I surely bear a child, since I am old?' <sup>14</sup> "Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son." <sup>15</sup> But Sarah denied it, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. And He said, "No, but you did laugh!" (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

### **Is Anything Too Hard for Jehovah?**

1. Living in the laughter of doubt
2. Living in the laughter of faith

## ✝ **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS** ✝

- ➔ **Thanks:** to all who helped in various ways at yesterday's memorial service for Ben Crandall.
- ➔ **Summer Hospitality:** If anyone wishes to host any of the Sundays in summer, please sign up on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.
- ➔ **Bridal Shower:** There will be a bridal shown for Jessica Maki after church on Aug. 17. Please RSVP to Heidi or Laura.
- ➔ **Currently in the Pipeline:** Thanks be to God for encouraging news from Immanuel College! This fall, over thirty students are expected to enroll-fifteen in the pre-theology program and eleven preparing to teach. God willing, it appears that our fellowship could see a steady stream of new pastors and teachers in the coming years. This is a vital blessing as the Lord continues to provide undershepherds for His flock. "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." - Psalm 147:3
- ➔ **Harvest Festival:** Prince of Peace Lutheran in Hecla, SD, welcomes you to our annual Harvest Festival: 4 pm, Sunday, Aug. 10. Please let us know if you plan on traveling from a distance to join us. For more information, contact pastor\_daub@hotmail.com or (605) 994-2145.
- ➔ **Dedication:** Mt. Zion Lutheran in Detroit, MI, is holding a dedication service for our new church property on Sunday, Sept. 14, 4 pm. The new address is 510 W. Girard Ave., Madison Heights, MI, 48071. RSVP to Pastor Tom Naumann at tomnaumann.pastor@gmail.com.
- ➔ **Midwest Women's Retreat:** Immanuel Mankato invites women of area congregations to a one day retreat on Saturday, October 25 from 9 am to 4 pm. The theme for the retreat is "Finding our True Identity as a Reflection of Christ's Image." Presentations will include our Identity in Christ, our Identity Reflected to the world, and Confidence in our Identity. Childcare will be available. To register go to <https://tinyurl.com/3jp5ax8y>. The cost is \$20 if you register before September 24 and is free for young girls under 19. Contact Jen Theneman (507-340-1640 / [jtheneman@live.com](mailto:jtheneman@live.com)) with any questions.
- ➔ **CLC News:** Lori Ruthenbeck and Mary Albrecht have both accepted their part-time, one-year calls to St. John's Lutheran in Okabena, MN.

***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 Financial Report - June 2025

Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2024	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 12 Months	Balance 6/30/2025
General Fund	0	1,133,646	1,223,163	1,312,993	(89,517)
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	1,688,836	1,657,154	1,724,100	31,682
<b>Auxiliary Funds</b>					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	110,979	49,408	61,244		99,143
ILC Building Projects	1,560,282	508,273	1,842		2,066,713
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	120,784	272,028	244,410		148,402
Kinship	169,884	189,795	190,207		169,472
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	2,684,208	536,797	717,209		2,503,796
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	117,317	187,416	203,044		101,689
EduK8 Fund	47,692	26,119	3,500		70,311
Reserve Fund	79,964	81,500	57,835		103,629
<b>Auxiliary Funds Totals</b>	<b>\$4,891,110</b>	<b>\$1,851,336</b>	<b>\$1,479,291</b>		<b>\$5,263,155</b>

With June bringing an end to our fiscal year, we are able to look back and see how we 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 to the **General Fund** were \$179,347 less than the amount budgeted, and disbursements were \$89,830 less than budget, resulting in a shortfall of \$89,517. Although **ILC Operations** ended the year with \$35,264 less in revenue than was planned, disbursements were \$66,946 less than budget, resulting in a positive balance for the year of \$31,682. 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** with a deficit of \$57,835 for the year. Consequently, that amount is pulled from the **Reserve Fund** in order to bring the balance in the **General Fund** up to zero at June 30. This leaves a balance of \$103,629 in the **Reserve Fund** to carry forward to future years.

For the new fiscal year beginning in July 2025, the **General Fund** budget was reduced almost \$50,000 to \$1,265,097. This was possible due to a couple of things, including an anticipated increase in ILC student enrollment and revenue, resulting in a decrease in the amount of subsidy needed, and a decrease in the budget for funding the EduK8 Fund based on the actual expected needs for the fiscal year. The new budget did provide for modest salary increases for called workers and staff and was also increased to fund an increased portion of the costs of the third missionary. Although there is a reduction in the budget, the new budget is still an increase of 11.6% over the amount of contributions received last year.

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 \$400,000 that came by way of market gains for the year on the investments in **ILC Building Projects** and the **Church Extension Fund**.

We are thankful to have had the **Reserve Fund** available to cover the deficits the past several years. With the 11.6% increase in needed contributions for the new year, your prayers, consideration, and contributions will be needed once again.

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

# **Voters Meeting Notes – July 20, 2025**

Meeting opened with prayer. A motion approved to welcome Clifford Kuehne into voting membership. A motion approved to welcome Steve Kuehne into voting membership. April voters' meeting minutes were read and approved. Second quarter Treasurer's Report was presented and approved.

## **Pastor's Report**

- Instruction classes: Maddie Maki, Holly Vandever, and Max Milbrandt.
- Pre-marital counseling: Jessica Maki and Daniel Robin (Oct. 18 wedding)
- Annette & Stephen Kuehne transfer from Berea – Inver Grove Hts., MN, has been received.
- Clifford Kuehne transfer from Berea – Inver Grove Hts., MN, has been received.
- Ben Crandall transferred to heavenly glory on 6/17/2025 (memorial 7/26/2025)
- Motion approved from Council recommendation that we ratify Lilly Nelson and Zara Wales into communicant membership (confirmed on May 18).
- No Board of Elders' report.

## **Board of Education Report**

- Motion approved to call Eli Wales as the 2025-26 Sunday School superintendent.
- The school staff and board would like the school carpets cleaned before Aug. 2.
- The school would like to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the school on September 13, 2026. The alumni and past teachers will be invited. There will be a potluck lunch after the service. There will be a history book about the school.

## **Board of Trustees' Report**

- One vacuum cleaner has been replaced.
- Jeff and possibly Pastor will meet with a printer sales person to get a demo of a printer.
- Jeff is trying to find a drinking fountain on sale before school starts.
- Dan is working to get swing set installed before school starts.

## **Financial Secretary Committee Report**

- Phil reported that Dale is set up on all the financial systems and is beginning to perform the financial secretary tasks.
- We have combined the two reserve accounts into a single reserve account in the treasurer's report.
- The financial secretary has moved \$5000 from the checking account to the reserve account per Council direction. The Council will review the balance in the checking account on a monthly basis and transfer funds as needed.
- MN paid leave law is coming in 2026. We cannot opt out of participation in that benefit program. We will be billed based on our employee count. Phil has set up our account on this state run system. Our payroll system had notified us that they couldn't pay the taxes until we were set on that system. We will get more information from the state over the next few months. The first quarterly payment will be in April 2026. We don't know how much this payment will be.

## **Sanctuary Improvement Committee Report**

- Re-upholstery of the pews is complete. The estimate was \$18,000 plus the cost of padding. The actual cost was about \$8,000. It took about 7 hours per pew plus cleanup and shopping. Thanks to everyone that helped.
- Feedback received is that the colors in the sanctuary are cold. The committee intends to make the primary focus of the sanctuary be the altar area of the room.
- In the July 27, 2024, Voters meeting a motion asked the sanctuary committee to develop a completely new option for the altar area. The committee has been asked to give the sanctuary a consistent appearance. Some have said that the current altar is not consistent with the rest of the sanctuary. In response the committee has combined elements of the stained-glass, the straight lines of the building, and the current altar.
- The altar concept was projected followed by discussion.
- Motion approved that the committee develop this concept more fully and get feedback from the congregation.

## **Other Business**

- Bill Rust gave a report on the Minnesota delegate conference. Bill has the materials provided at the conference. The materials are available.
  - There was a communion service.
  - A paper written by James Arndt was presented. It dealt with the balance of secular and divine authority and Christian influence on the US Constitution.
  - The Minnesota Paid Leave Law was presented.
  - The CLC Board of Educations and Publications explained how the EDUK8 fund is used.
  - There was a report on the ILC Facility Expansion Project.
  - Pastor Mayhew gave a presentation on identifying and avoiding reformed theology.
  - There was an election of delegate conference officers.
  - No congregations volunteered to host the joint Reformation service.
  - The pastors were asked to see if any congregation might offer to host a joint mission service.
- Benno reported that in June there were 8 contributions that used online giving. Benno will be ordering more envelopes. There is a request to add an additional CLC fund on the envelopes.
- Eli reported that there were no contacts resulting from the SLP Tower Days Parade. He wonders if the effort might be better used in other activities. The board of education will consider future involvement in the parade. Rick thinks that there are other benefits from participation in the parade beyond just generating following contacts.

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary Frank Radichel

**✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠**

Elder. **Eli Wales**

**Ushers: Al Rosendahl; Kyle Aymond; Kevin Hulke; Jack Maki; John Maki; Keith Radichel; Grant Wells**

**Counting Team 1: Dale Enns; Larry Nelson; Thomas Graham; Kevin Hulke; Phil Radichel**

## Church Cleaners: **Volunteers?**

**✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠**

**Ushers: Al Rosendahl; Kyle Aymond; Kevin Hulke; Jack Maki; John Maki; Keith Radichel; Grant Wells**

**Counting Team 2: Kyle Aymond; Dan Degnan; Rick Nelson;  
Bill Rust; Bob Vandeveer; Clint Welker**

## Church Cleaners: **Volunteers?**

## ✝ OUR SCHEDULE ✝

**Sun., July 27:** 9:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost 7)

**Sat., Aug. 2:** 9:00 am – Grace School Work Day

**Sun., Aug. 3:** 9:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper (Pentecost 8)

**Sun., Aug. 10:** 9:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost 9)

11:00 am – Council Meeting

**Mon., Aug. 11:** 7:00 pm – Grace School Ice Cream Social

**Sun., Aug. 17:** 11:00 am – Jessica Maki Bridal Shower

**Sun., Aug. 24:** 3:00 pm – Immanuel Opening Service (Eau Claire, WI)

**Mon., Aug., 25:** 8:00 am – Grace Lutheran School Opening Service



**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**

**Last Week's Stats:** July 20, 2025   Sun: 77   Sat. Memorial: 63

**QR Code for Online Giving:**

Week's Offering:	Grace:	\$15,162	CLC:	\$6,594
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*Weekly Need (est.):*      *Grace:*      5,100      *CLC:*      1,150

-Under / +Over:      Grace:      +10,062      CLC:      +5,444

Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$164,161	CLC:	\$44,270
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*Year-to-Date Need (est.): Grace: 147,900 CLC: 33,350*

*Difference from Budget (+/-)* Grace: +16,261 CLC: +10,920

GLC Other:	105	Living Faith:	5	Tuition Aid:	80	Sanctuary:	55
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SAF Endowment: 0    MDF: 55    Kinship: 2,145    EduK8: 30

ILC Student Aid: 10 ILC Bldg. 80 IIF: 0 CEF: 0

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Current Balances:	Tuition Aid: \$5,130	Sanctuary: \$11,967
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