

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Church Year: Pentecost 11

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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Date: August 24, 2025

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 366, st. 1,4-7: One Thing's Needful
TLH 347, st. 1,4-6: Jesus, Priceless Treasure
TLH 430, st. 1-4, 7-8: What Is the World to Me
WS 792: Let All Things Now Living

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 34, TLH p. 131

Liturgy:

WS p. 1 (Projected)
WS, p. 42, Psalm 12

Scripture Readings:

Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:18-26
Colossians 3:1-11

Sermon: Luke 12:13-21

¹³ Then one from the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But He said to him, "Man, who made Me a judge or an arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses." ¹⁶ Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. ¹⁷ "And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' ¹⁸ "So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. ¹⁹ 'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, *and* be merry.'" ²⁰ "But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' ²¹ "So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." (NKJVTM)

Take Your Ease in the Lord

✝ ***THE ANNOUNCEMENTS*** ✝

- ➔ **Among Us:** This past Friday, while on vacation in Breezy Point, Ann Radichel had a fall in which she broke both her right wrist and hip. She had surgery at the hospital in Crosby. She will remain there for at least a few days to heal. Recently Duane Enns was hospitalized due to various issues regarding his throat cancer, including a spot on the liver which was determined not to be cancerous. While Pastor has had a lot of energy lately, his pain has progressed. He will be resuming chemo tomorrow. Jesus watch over and keep His children.
- ➔ **Grace Lutheran School Opening:** The opening service for Grace Lutheran School will be held tomorrow, Monday, Aug. 25, 8 am. This event is certainly open to all as a way to support the students.
- ➔ **Summer Hospitality:** If anyone wishes to host any of the Sundays in summer, please sign up on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.
- ➔ **Service Schedule:** The Sunday schedule will be changing on September 7. Sunday School and Bible Class will begin at 9:00 am with regular morning worship at 10:00 am. Our members are strongly encouraged to take advantage of these classes to strengthen themselves spiritually through the "one thing needful" during their life's journey. As Jesus said in Luke 11:28: "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"
- ➔ **Immanuel Opening Service:** The opening worship service for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary is at 3 pm today at the campus fieldhouse. For more details about the opening schedule, see ilc.edu. May the Lord richly bless the upcoming year as we grow together in the truth of God's saving Word!
- ➔ **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.
- ➔ **Golf Scramble:** On October 4 at 1 pm, there will be a 9-hole golf scramble held at Rolling Greens in Durand, WI. The cost will be determined based on the number of groups that we have, but it will be less than \$30 including cart. If there are over 30 players, there will be a shotgun start. It will be foursomes. If you do not have four people for a team, you may still submit an entry, and we will combine those individuals with others to make a team. For more info. or to enter, contact Mike Schierenbeck at mike.schierenbeck@gmail.com or 920-344-9580. Deadline for entry is September 26.

REGULAR WORSHIP
SCHEDULE RESUMES

- ➔ **Pacific Coast Women's Retreat:** "Run the Race!" (Hebrews 12:1-2) Registration is open: tinyurl.com/MtnWomen. Please consider joining us for a weekend in God's Word while relaxing in the mountain beauty of His creation. We'd love to have you with us! September 26-28 in Cusick, WA (fly or drive into Spokane, WA) Questions? Contact Tina at teichstadt@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 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) with any questions.
- ➔ **Man Up! Weekend:** September 25-28, at Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. Registration is \$75 (\$150 after Aug. 30). This includes lodging and meals. Register by going to: www.manup.clclutheran.org. Bible Study, Fellowship, Leadership Training, Team Building and Encouragement for Men, and Worship, as well as activities like Rock Climbing, Hiking, Arrow Tag, Mountain Biking, Trivia Challenge, Grilling, Bonfires, and Music. 2025 Theme: Ephesians 2: 8-10 "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." (ESV)
- ➔ **CLC News:** Pastor David Ude of Living Hope Lutheran in Appleton, WI, has accepted the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View, CA. † Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran in Cheyenne, WY, has received the call to Living Hope Lutheran in Appleton, WI. † Mr. Peter Reim has returned the vacancy call to Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI. † Pastor Matthew Hanel of St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran in Dallas, TX, has returned the call to Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI. † Pastor Emeritus Dave Schierenbeck has received and accepted the call to serve as vacancy pastor of Our Redeemer's Lutheran in Red Wing, MN. † Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck has accepted the call to serve as vacancy pastor of Peace Thru Christ Lutheran in Middleton, WI (Madison area).

CLC E-Devotion – October 24, 2022

Luke 12:15 A man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.

Forget Everything!

Forget everything you thought you knew! Sometimes circumstances are so different and unexpected that you need to totally forget old assumptions and gain a new perspective. The day may come when cars with internal combustion engines will be a relic of the past. If you are accustomed to filling the gas tank, changing the oil, and hearing the sounds of revving engines, you will need to forget all that and learn the new reality of batteries, charging stations, and silent operation.



Life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.

"Forget everything you think you know" is what God tells us. With our sinful nature we think we know what life is about, where we stand with God, and what is important for our ultimate wellbeing. We think this present life is what matters most. We see ourselves as basically good people. We imagine God will be pleased if we try to keep the Commandments, and that happiness and success are linked to our achievements and the recognition of others.

"Forget all that," the Lord tells us. "A man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions" (Luke 12:15). Our status with God does not depend on our own goodness. "All our righteous acts are like filthy rags" (Isaiah 64:6). We have no accomplishments deserving God's reward. We can't trust our own reason. "The heart is deceitful above all things" (Jeremiah 17:9).



"Forget all that." In His Word the Spirit opens our eyes and understanding to what is truly real. We come to see the harsh reality of our sin and its condemnation. Yet the Lord is quick to assure us of His love and that "where sin abounded grace did much more abound" (Romans 5:20). Lasting happiness and success are not dependent on today's weather or how our plans turn out. We are blessed eternally with forgiveness earned by Jesus on the cross. Meaningful purpose is not found in what others do for us, but in putting Christ's love into practice in serving others. Forgetting self in love for Jesus, let's look today for those opportunities to serve the Lord and our neighbor.



Council Meeting Notes – August 10, 2025

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

Pastor's Report

- Ben Crandall's memorial service was held on July 26.
- Instruction classes: Maddie Maki, Holly Vandever, and Max Milbrandt.
- Premarital Counseling done w/Daniel Robin & Jessica Maki. Wedding is Oct. 18.
- Sunday School staff: Annette Kuehne as lower-level, Mikey Oman at mid-level, and Laura Wales as upper-level.
- Pastor George Dummann from Salem Ev. Lutheran in Eagle Lake, MN, and Faith Lutheran in New Ulm, MN, will preach for Mission Festival on Oct. 12.
- Pastor is preaching at Trinity Lutheran in Spokane, WA, on August 17.
- There was no Elders' report.

Board of Education Report

- A new student has enrolled for the 2025-26 school year. Projected enrollment is 5 in kindergarten, 10 in grades 1-4, and 8 in grades 5-8.
- Tuition of about \$39,900 is expected in the coming school year.
- Some non-member parents have expressed concern that the tuition is increasing by \$900. The main concern they expressed is that the tuition not continue to go up at the same rate. Money is being donated by 3rd parties to help with the tuition for two families. Discussion about cost of non-member tuition. Is it too high? What's its purpose? We are close to being able to support the cost side of our 3 schoolrooms. God gives the money and the children. The tuition is part of our stewardship of God's gifts. The school is meant to help provide Christian education for the children of our congregation, and as we are, able to provide that education to children in our community. The Board of Education will write up a response to some of the questions which were raised.

Board of Trustees' Report

- A printer from Loffler has been purchased. It will be installed in about 3 weeks.
- Jeff is planning to buy the water fountain.
- Planning is being done to fix cracks in the parking lot.
- There is a snowblower in the parsonage garage. Jeff will check into that.

Other Business

- Eli reported that Jan would like the choir director platform saved and carpeted.
- Motion approved to move \$10,000 from the checking account to the Fidelity Reserves Account.
- Brian will reimburse Daniel for preaching today.
- Dale reported that Pat Paplow got an email from the electronic lock company asking if the list door lock system administrators should be updated. The current list of administrators is Pat Paplow, Brandon Paplow, and Bill Rust.
- Motion approved to have a Trustee be added as an administrator of the electronic door lock system.

Adapted from minutes submitted from Secretary Frank Radichel

CLC Financial Report - July 2025

Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2025	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 1 Month	Balance 7/31/2025
General Fund	0	109,503	116,228	105,425	(6,725)
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	80,590	124,304	147,920	(43,714)
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	99,143	3,281	0		102,424
ILC Building Projects	2,066,713	31,796	340		2,098,169
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	148,402	14,727	21,318		141,811
Kinship	169,472	9,476	17,730		161,218
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	2,503,796	35,327	14,093		2,525,030
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	101,689	45,833	1,168		146,354
EduK8 Fund	70,311	16,878	10,000		77,189
Reserve Fund	103,629	302	0		103,931
Auxiliary Funds Totals	\$5,263,155	\$157,620	\$64,649		\$5,356,126

July is the start of our new fiscal year and a good time to look forward to the financial goals set before us. The Coordinating Council passed a **General Fund** budget for our contributions of \$1,265,097 for the new year or about \$105,425 per month. Although this is a decrease from the prior year budget, it is still an increase of 11.6% over what was received in contributions last year.

You can look at the detail above to see how each of the **Operating** and **Auxiliary** Funds fared in July. With the substantial increase in the need for contributions over last year to do the work set before us, your prayers, consideration, and contributions are needed for the new year.

Stephen R. Lentz, CLC Treasurer

Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees

***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!*



The Bible is Our Basis ...

... for a foundation	<i>For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 3:11</i>
... for strength	<i>God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1</i>
... for guidance	<i>Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path. Psalm 119:105</i>
... for salvation	<i>Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. Acts 4:12</i>
... for eternal life	<i>And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. John 17:3</i>
... for doctrine	<i>All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. 2 Timothy 3:16</i>
... for fellowship	<i>Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. Romans 16:17</i>
... for forgiveness	<i>In [Jesus] we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. Colossians 1:14</i>
... for love	<i>In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 1 John 4:10</i>
... for wisdom	<i>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. Proverbs 9:10</i>
... for truth	<i>Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. John 17:17</i>
... for peace	<i>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7</i>

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Frank Radichel

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

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

Church Cleaners: Volunteers?

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

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

Counting Team 3: Gary Gunther; Roger Ochsner; Al
Rosendahl; Dave Rust; Benno Sydow

Church Cleaners: Volunteers? School: Aymond

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Aug. 24: 9:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost 11)
3:00 pm – Immanuel Opening Service (Eau Claire, WI)

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

Sun., Aug. 31: 9:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost 12)

Mon., Sept. 1: Labor Day – No Grace School

Sun., Sept. 7: Regular Schedule Resumes
8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper (Pentecost 13)
11:00 am – Hospitality (Hein)

Sun., Sept. 21: Annual Church Picnic (Committee #2 Hosts)



Wed., Sept. 24: CLC Coordinating Council (Eau Claire, WI)

October 5-7: MN Pastoral Conference (Vrbo @ Hutchinson, MN)

Sun., Oct. 12: Mission Festival – Guest Speaker George Dumann
Mission Festival Potluck (Committee #3 Hosts)

October 15-17: CLC Teachers' Conference (Immanuel-Mankato, MN)

Last Week's Stats: Aug. 17, 2025 Sun: 76

Week's Offering:	Grace:	\$6,637*	CLC:	\$444			
Weekly Need (est.):	Grace:	5,100	CLC:	1,150			
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+1,537	CLC:	-706			
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$181,545	CLC:	\$47,424			
Year-to-Date Need (est.):	Grace:	168,300	CLC:	37,950			
Difference from Budget (+/-)	Grace:	+13,245	CLC:	+9,474			
GLC Other:	100	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	125	Sanctuary:	0
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	0	Kinship:	140	EduK8:	50
ILC Student Aid:	0	ILC Bldg.	150	IIF:	0	CEF:	0
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid:		\$5,955	Sanctuary: \$14,900			

* \$4,350 in non-member school tuition