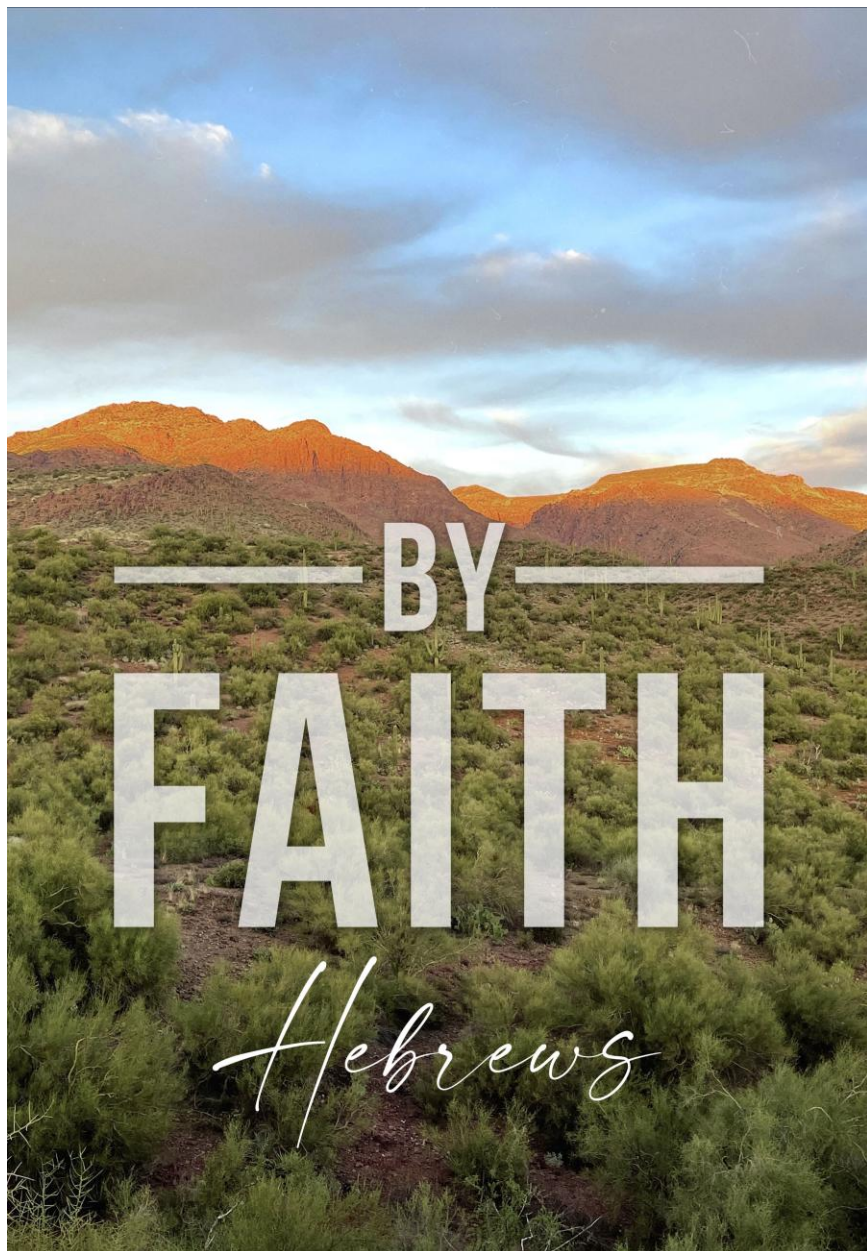




TRINITY EIGHT

Living Hope Lutheran July 26, 2026

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Divine Worship. . . 11am

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 119:49-64 (Zayin, Heth);

PRAYERS: Before Worship (Inside Cover, LSB);

HYMNS: WS 777 LSB 611 LSB 918

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN:

WS 777 -*"Amazing Grace – How Sweet the Sound"*

DIVINE SERVICE

(Setting 3, LSB Pg 184)

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Congregation: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: O almighty God, merciful Father

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

C: ♪ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: ♪ Glory be to God on high and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Let us pray...

C: ♪ Amen.

OT LESSON:

JEREMIAH 23:16-29

¹⁶Thus says the Lord of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the Lord.

¹⁷They say continually to those who despise the word of the Lord, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.' "

¹⁸ For who among them has stood in the council of the Lord to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened? ¹⁹ Behold, the storm of the Lord! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

²⁰ The anger of the Lord will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

²¹ “I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. ²² But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds.

²³ “Am I a God at hand, declares the Lord, and not a God far away?

²⁴ Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the Lord.

²⁵ I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ ²⁶ How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷ who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the Lord. ²⁹ Is not my word like fire, declares the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces? *

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON:

ACTS 16:16-32

¹⁶ As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ She followed Paul and us, crying out, “These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation.” ¹⁸ And this she kept doing for many days.

Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers. ²⁰ And when they had brought them to the magistrates, they said, "These men are Jews, and they are disturbing our city. ²¹ They advocate customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to accept or practice." ²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. ²³ And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely. ²⁴ Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, ²⁶ and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹ And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹ And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³² And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. *

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

C: 🎵 Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

P: The Gospel Reading is taken from the Gospel according to the Apostle Matthew, from the 12th Chapter we read verses 46-50.

C: 🎵 Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

GOSPEL LESSON:

MATTHEW 12:46-50

⁴⁶ While he was still speaking to the people, behold, his mother and his brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him. ⁴⁸ But he replied to the man who told him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" ⁴⁹ And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ⁵⁰ For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."*

P: So far the Gospel Reading.

C: 🎵 Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell, the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From there He will come to judge the living and the dead;

I believe in the Holy Spirit; The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body, And the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN: LSB 611 - *"Chief of Sinners Though I Be"*

THE SERMON:

HEBREWS 11:4

⁴ By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks. **

BY FAITH: ABEL

...was accepted by God and His gift.

...’s faith was evidenced by its fruits.

THE OFFERTORY

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

THE OFFERINGS OF THANKFUL HEARTS

We express our thanksgiving for what the Savior Jesus has done for us by supporting His Work with our time, talents and gifts. Should you wish to leave a gift, there are offering plates in the rear of the sanctuary. As our gifts are brought forward to His Altar, we sing His Praise.

PRAYER(S)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION: (Pastor)

C: ♪ Amen, Amen, Amen.

CLOSING HYMN:

LSB 918 - *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"*

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in Jesus' name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us and hope that you will return again. If you have any questions or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please either speak with the pastor on the way out.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 26, 2026

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: LM Elders 6pm

Sunday: Mission Festival Worship 2pm

HOLY COMMUNION

Living Hope's Council determined that Holy Communion would be offered on the 1st and 2nd Sunday of each month during the vacancy. If any member should desire private communion, they need only speak with Pastor Schaller who would be happy to provide it.

2026 CLC MISSION HELPERS TO AFRICA

Nine CLC Mission Helpers (Lauren Gurgel, Abigail Gerbitz, Elijah Sumey, Jeff Radichel, Sarah Radichel, Josh Ohlmann, Lydia Ohlmann, Andrew Lau, Alexis Aichele) along with team leaders (Pastor Tom Naumann and Missionary Todd Ohlmann) are traveling this week to the East African nations of Kenya, Tanzania, and Zambia. The Tanzania team will be welcomed and joined in their work by Missionary Bruce and Paula Naumann. The Mission Helpers will spend the next few weeks proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ to an estimated 6,000 children. They will focus their efforts in some of the towns and villages where the Kenya-CLC, Tanzania-CLC, and Zambia-CLC have or are working to establish congregations and preaching stations. You can follow along with the Mission Helpers through the trip blog at www.2026clcmisionhelpertripeastafrica.blogspot.com. Your prayers are requested and much appreciated.

LUTHER MEMORIAL VOLLEYBALL NIGHT!

Since it was so well received, the Luther Memorial Mission Committee has scheduled Volleyball Night for the Summer every other Wednesday – July 29 and August 12 and 26th at 6pm. Bring chairs and refreshments and play volleyball or cornhole!

FALL MISSION FESTIVAL

Next Sunday Pastor Sam Rodebaugh will be speaking at our Fall Mission Festival. Our service will be at 2pm with a meal to follow.

CLC Financial Report - June 2026

Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2025	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 12 Months	Balance 6/30/2026
General Fund	0	1,153,563	1,211,549	1,255,100	(57,986)
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	1,805,356	1,711,206	1,775,040	94,150
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	99,143	37,415	91,982		44,576
ILC Building Projects	2,066,713	539,428	340		2,605,801
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	148,402	327,504	261,543		214,363
Kinship	169,472	220,571	222,817		167,226
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	2,503,796	1,041,483	1,052,210		2,493,069
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	101,689	239,552	228,107		113,134
EduK8 Fund	70,311	71,001	30,000		111,312
Reserve Fund	103,629	39,962	0		143,591
Auxiliary Funds Totals	\$5,263,155	\$2,516,916	\$1,886,999		\$5,893,072

Now that we have closed our fiscal year ended June 30, 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, **General Fund revenue** was \$111,537 less than the amount budgeted, and disbursements were \$53,551 less than budget, resulting in a shortfall of \$57,986. **ILC Operations** ended the year with \$30,316 more in revenue than was planned, and spent \$63,834 less than budget, resulting in a positive balance for the year of \$94,150. 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 leaves the **General Fund** with a positive balance of \$36,164 for the year. That amount is transferred from the **General Fund** to the **Reserve Fund** to bring the **General Fund** balance to zero going into the new fiscal year beginning July 1. Adding that amount to the **Reserve Fund** increases its balance to \$143,591 to be available for future years.

For the new fiscal year beginning in July 2026, the **General Fund** budget was increased almost \$100,000 to \$1,361,920. The increase was due in large part to a significant anticipated decrease in ILC student enrollment and revenue, resulting in an increase in the amount of subsidy needed. The new budget also provided for modest salary increases for called workers and staff and was also increased to fund 100% of the costs of the third missionary. The new budget is an increase of 18% over the revenue received for the year just ended.

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 \$480,000 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 ended the year being able to add to the **Reserve Fund** instead of having to draw from it as we have for the past several years. With an 18% increase in budgeted 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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

SUMMER VOLLEYBALL 2026

JULY 15

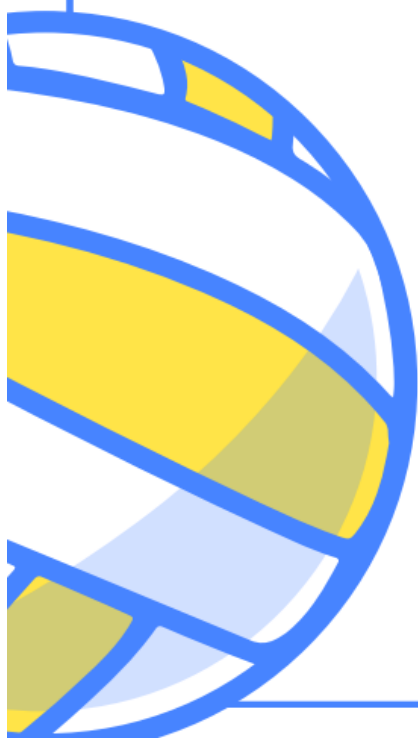
JULY 29

AUGUST 12

AUGUST 26

STARTS AT 6:00 PM

**SPECTATORS WELCOME. BRING
YOUR OWN SNACKS AND
BEVERAGES.**



CLC CALL NEWS

Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, Wisconsin has called Pastor David Reim of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Vernon, British Columbia to serve as their 3rd Pastor. • St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Lemmon, SD has also Called Pastor David Reim of St. Paul Lutheran in Vernon, BC. • Living Hope Lutheran in Appleton, WI has called Pastor Emeritus Paul Tiefel Jr. to serve as their next pastor. • Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer has returned the call of Mount Zion Lutheran in Madison Heights (Detroit) MI. • Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN has returned the call of Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ.

Missions/Cooperative Budget Plan Pledge 2026-27

The Cooperative Budget Plan (CBP) is a pledge established by the Voters of Living Hope to participate in the work of the Church of the Lutheran Confession. This fiscal year runs from July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027.

Amount Pledged 2026	Received as of 7/5/26	Amount Remaining	Approximate per Sunday (51)
\$5,500.00	\$	\$0	\$0

Living Hope General Budget 2026

The Voters of Luther Memorial established the General Fund Budget at the Annual Meeting on January 18, 2026. All Budgetary offerings are applied to this budget. This fiscal year runs from January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026.

General Budget	Received as of 6/30/26	Amount Remaining	Remaining Amount (26 Sundays)
\$101,679.00	\$35,881.39	\$65,797.61	\$2,531.00

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HOME DEVOTIONS FOR JULY 27-AUGUST 1, 2026

Monday – Matthew 7:15-23 False prophets bring a different word than God's prophets bring. Thus, trusting in a false prophets' word produces fruits very different from trusting in God's Word through His prophets.

Tuesday – Matthew 7:24-29 Jesus wants people both to hear and to put His sayings into practice, because in the day of testing, this will be most beneficial for them. His words have an authority which is from above.

Wednesday – Romans 8:13-17 Led by the Spirit, we live as God's own adopted children. We call out to Him as our dear Father, look forward to a glorious inheritance, and put to death the actions of the sinful flesh.

Thursday – Jeremiah 15:19-21 The prophet has questioned God's loving care (v18). He is now called to a change of heart and strengthened with renewed promises. "I am with you to save you...declares the LORD."

Friday – Psalm 126 Remembering how God has restored His people in the past to laughter and shouts of joy leads His people to call to Him now in days of weeping. He will restore His people again!

Saturday – Psalm 119:57-64 Not only are the words and testimonies and precepts of the LORD our great treasure, but the LORD Himself. **He** is ours, and **His** mercy fills the earth! "Teach me **your** statutes" (v64).



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