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✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Phil Radichel

Ushers: Roger Ochsner, Jeremiah Boe, Mike Dick, Arnold Gehrls, Bob Maki, John Maki, Joel Stifter

Counting Team 2: Gary Gunther; Bill Rust; Bob Vandever; Clint Welker; Mark Wales

Hospitality Team 5: Pat & Dawn Paplow; Mike & Pat Dick; Frank & Ann Radichel

Church Cleaners: Sandhoefner School: Flesner

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Roger Ochsner, Jeremiah Boe, Mike Dick, Arnold Gehrls, Bob Maki, John Maki, Joel Stifter

Counting Team 3: Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Jack Kirkham; Benno Sydow; Brandt Wendland

Hospitality Team 6: Richard & Shauna Rhinesmith; Brian & Maureen Eichstadt; Brandt & Teresa Wendland

Church Cleaners: Radichel School: Gillenwater

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., May 11: 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School

10:00 am – Worship Service

11:15 am – Hospitality

Wed., May 14: 4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students

7:00 pm – Immanuel Piano/Organ Recital @ Fieldhouse

Sun., May 18: 8:30 am – Choir Practice

9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School

10:00 am – Worship Service

11:15 am – Hospitality

Thu., May 22: 7:00 pm – Grace School Program

Fri., May 23: 12:00 pm – Dismissal for Grace School's Last Day

3:00 pm – Immanuel Class Day @ Immanuel Fieldhouse

7:30 pm – Immanuel Concert @ Messiah Lutheran

Sat., May 24: 10:00 am – Immanuel Graduation @ Fieldhouse

Sun., May 25: 9:00 am – Summer Worship Schedule Begins

Graduation Recognition

Thu., May 29: 7:00 pm – Ascension Worship Service

Sun., June 1: 3:00 pm – MN Delegate Conference @ Sleepy Eye, MN

June 16-19: CLC Convention @ Immanuel in Eau Claire, WI

August 4-8: Vacation Bible School

Grace Lutheran Church & School

**“Did I not tell you
that if you believed,
you would see
the glory of God?”**



John 11:40



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Date: May 11, 2014

✠ THE ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

Worship Preparation: Psalm 23, TLH p. 128

Hymn:..... TLH 13: Before Jehovah’s Awe-full Throne

Liturgy: TLH, p. 5 ff. (Also available on laminated sheet in pew)

Introit (followed by Gloria Patri, The Kyrie): TLH, pp. 6-7

P: You will fill me with joy in Your presence,

C: With eternal pleasures at Your right hand.

P: I will exalt You, O Lord, for You lifted me out of the depths

C: And did not let my enemies gloat over me.

P: O Lord, You brought me up from the grave,

C: You spared me from going down into the pit. Glory be to God!

Gloria in Excelsis:..... TLH 36, st. 3

All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,

The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven:

The one eternal God, Whom earth and heaven adore!

For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

First Reading:..... Lamentations 3:18-26

CDS Children: LSB 711: Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

Confession of Faith: Apostolic Creed, TLH p. 12

Hymn:..... TLH 247: God the Father, Be Our Stay

Sermon:Matthew 8:23-9:8

“Who’s This Jesus in Whom We Believe?”

Offertory: TLH p. 12 f.

Choir: The Te Deum Laudamus (TLH p. 35-37)

Hymn: TLH 520, st. 1, 5-6, 12: Commit Whatever Grieves Thee

Offering, Prayers, Benediction: TLH p. 14

Hymn: TLH 52: Almighty Father, Bless the Word

Job 19:25ff For I know that my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth; And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, That in my flesh I shall see God, Whom I shall see for myself, And my eyes shall behold, and not another.

I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES!

Let us always remember that Jesus Christ, even though He died, again lives, for thus we shall also at all times be comforted by the promises which He made us. Yes, if we remember that Jesus Christ again lives, then we can say He made us this and that promise and I know that He will indeed fulfill it -- for if He loved me so much that He even died for me, certainly He will now that He again lives, love me enough to fulfill His promises to me.

But did He really make many promises? He did! He, for instance, said, “Call upon Me in the day of trouble, and I will deliver you, and you will glorify Me!” Or, again, he said, “Ask and it shall be given you, seek, and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you.” Yes, so He said, and by speaking in this way, He told us to pray -- and also that He would hear every prayer and answer every prayer that we bring to His attention. That, my friends, is one promise that we believe because He again lives and can be sure that He will do as He said He would.

Another one is this. He says, “All things must work together for good to those who love God.” In other words, He says, “Dear followers of Mine, no matter what happens to you in your life, rest assured it is for your good and for your welfare, yes, I will see to it that no matter what happens, it shall be of benefit for you and to you.”

Now if He did not live, we might say, “Yes, that’s a fine sounding promise, but how do I know that it really shall come true that all things shall work out to my good?” And what shall we say? Well, again, remember that Jesus lives and will indeed carry out His promises.

And finally, just to call attention to a third promise, let me remind you that Jesus says, “Where I am there also My servant shall be.” And what does this tell us? Well, this, that even though one die, he shall again live there in heaven, where Christ lives and dwells and has His being.

Job took comfort in the fact that He who would suffer and die for him lives, i. e., his Redeemer again lives. And why should this truth, that his Redeemer and Savior lives, be of such comfort to Job? Well, Job could tell himself, “I know that I, in spite of the fact that I have lost all here on earth, my health, my children, and all my wealth, I have One who can and will again restore unto me my body, yes, these very same eyes, and with these eyes I shall see God where there is life and happiness forever!”

Job knew that his Redeemer loved him so much as to give His life for Job, and now again lives, or, He’s proven by living again that He is able to give to Job and all Christ-believers eternal life and salvation. Job knows, and you and I know, that Jesus our Redeemer lives to keep all of His promises because He kept His promise to rise from the dead.

-- Marcus Fleischer, April 19, 1942 (Father of Pastor Emeritus Daniel Fleischer)

As you look over the list, there are projects that could be done in a few hours or a few days, by an individual or a group, with little talent or a lot of talent. Materials will be provided and, in some cases, the necessary tools. We are asking the members of the CLC to look over the list. For more details about a project you may contact a member of the IPC listed at the end of this article. Perhaps a group of friends and/or a family or a congregation would like to tackle one or more on the list. Special projects will be going on immediately before and after the days of Convention. Let IPC know if you are able to be included on a crew.



Whatever we are able to do with volunteer help will mean that we will not need to hire it done and we will be able to stretch our dollars to do more projects, either now or in the future.

The IPC recognizes that there will be many members of the fellowship who would like to volunteer but are unable to do so for one reason or another. Perhaps there are issues of health or age. Or time or travel is just not possible. But such brothers and sisters of the faith can still answer the call for help by remembering the efforts to support our called workers on the campus of Immanuel in their prayers, including prayers for the safety of the volunteers, good weather, and all the other needed blessings from the LORD.

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✠ *THE ANNOUNCEMENTS* ✠

- ◆ **Thanks** to Pastor Emeritus Daniel Fleischer for sharing the Word of God with us today! He served Grace for nearly 20 years. Pastor Hein is attending his uncle's funeral and will be returning on Tuesday.
- ◆ **Grace Lutheran School** staff is planning for the 2014-15 school year. If you are interested in enrolling your child in our school, please speak to one of the teachers about the school and/or an enrollment form.
- ◆ **School Program:** On May 22, 7 pm, the children of our day school will be putting on their play, "The Fastest Thimble in the West." All members and friends of Grace are invited to show support of the children's efforts and of our school. Refreshments will follow.
- ◆ **Graduates:** Please list any member of Grace that is graduating this year (Jan-Dec 2014) on the sheet by the guest book. Our Graduation Sunday is May 25.
- ◆ **Invitation:** The Wendland family extends the following invitation: Brandon's Immanuel Graduation reception: May 25th. 2:00-5:00 pm. Dellwood Barn; 7373 120th Street North; Grant MN 55110.
- ◆ **Lutheran Spokesman:** The Lutheran Spokesman is a publication by the CLC which is dedicated to sharing rich, devotional messages for our spiritual edification. Those who currently receive the publication are listed on a sheet by the guestbook. If you no longer wish to receive it, please cross out your name. If you don't receive it and would like to, please sign up. The congregation covers the cost.
- ◆ **Parade:** On Thu., June 5, our school will be walking in the Spring Lake Park Tower Days Parade. All members are invited to participate to help let the community know about the treasure of our Christian school! We are hoping that all our students and parents will be able to participate in this. Please speak with Michael Ude for more details. In addition, Rick Nelson will be screen-printing the same shirts as last year. They are green and advertise Grace Lutheran. Anyone who would like one of these should speak to Michael Ude, Alex Baker, or Paul Lentz. Shirt orders have to be in no later than May 15.
- ◆ **Liberian Collection:** A blue barrel is in the fellowship hall for the collection to be shipped to Liberia. Examples of needed items: casual & light weight clothing for people of all ages; bedding, black low heel shoes for school children, socks, hair grease, used clippers for haircuts, disposable razors, over-the-counter pain relief.
- ◆ **Arise and Shine 20's - 30's Retreat:** Grace Lutheran of Valentine, NE, is once again sponsoring a four-day retreat in Pillager, MN, June 19-22. The retreat is designed for men and women in their 20s & 30s. Singles, couples, and families are welcome. The registration fee includes a t-shirt (if registered by June 6), lodging, meals and snacks, and activities during the retreat. The cost is \$140.00 per adult (ages 12

and up), \$100 per child (ages 0-11). This year's theme is "I Got This" - God. Our theme is based on Romans 8 (esp. verses 28-39) and will revolve around how God guides, directs, and controls all things for good—including our own lives! You can find more information and register on our web site: www.AriseAndShineRetreat.com. For more info, please speak with Alana (Ahrens) Cardinal (402) 322-9064 alanaahrens@yahoo.com or Pastor Luke Bernthal (402) 389-2147 lbernthall@live.com.

- ♦ **Retirement Gift:** At this summer's CLC Convention, Pastor David and Mary Koenig will be recognized for their many years of service to the Lord. Pastor Koenig served our church body as a resident foreign missionary to Nigeria and India, and also as our visiting representative to many other countries. CLC President Michael Eichstadt has authorized a special collection so that we might present Dave and Mary with a monetary gift to show our love and appreciation for their dedicated service. Monetary gifts by check should be made out the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC), and may be put in the regular offering plate. Please write "David Koenig Retirement Gift" on the memo line. You may also mail your check, before June 9, to the ILC Business Office, 501 Grover Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701.
- ♦ **CLC News:** Seminarian David Ude has accepted the call to Living Hope in Appleton, WI.
- ♦ **Vacation Bible School:** This is scheduled for August 4-8.
- ♦ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #28, Sacrament of the Altar 3

Last Week's Stats: May 4, 2014 Sun.: 123 S.S.: 12 B.Cl.: 45 Funeral: 220					
Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,989.91	CLC:	\$721.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,200.00	CLC:	1,040.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-210.09	CLC:	-319.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$60,586.29	CLC:	\$17,705.50	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	57,600.00	CLC:	18,720.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+2,986.29	CLC:	-1,014.50	
GLC Other: 2.00	Living Faith: 0.00	Tuition Aid: 175.00			
SAF Endowment: 0.00	MDF: 20.00	Kinship: 50.00			
ILC Student Aid: 0.00	ILC Bldg. 35.00	IIF: 0.00 CEF: 0.00			
Current Balances:	Projection:	+160.32	Tuition Aid:	+3,292.42	

"If I profess, with the loudest voice and the clearest exposition, every portion of the truth of God except precisely that little point which the world and the devil are at that moment attacking, I am not confessing Christ, however boldly I may be professing Christianity. Where the battle rages the loyalty of the soldier is proved; and to be steady on all the battle-field besides is mere flight and disgrace to him if he flinches at that one point." – Elizabeth Rundle Charles (1828–1896), The Chronicles of the Schoenberg Cotta Family, Thomas Nelson, 1864

A Call for Help

There were different times in the Old Testament when a "call for help" would go out. Sometimes the call was to help defeat an enemy army. At another time it was to help build the Temple of Solomon, and later on to rebuild that Temple after the Babylonian Captivity. When the call went out, the people of God were moved to respond with the gift of their time or talents or offerings or some combination of all three. And the work of the Kingdom moved forward.

Another call for help is going out. It is coming from the Immanuel Professorage Committee (IPC). Not a call to go to war and not a call to build something as significant as the Temple. But it is a call to the people of God for help. The IPC was established by the CLC Convention four years ago. Its charge was to evaluate the needs of the professorages on the campus of Immanuel. Each year the IPC has prepared an agenda of projects and for the most part projects have been completed with volunteer help. This approach has enabled much more to be done than would otherwise have been possible. The dollars from the offerings of the larger fellowship were stretched further and more was accomplished.

The IPC is trying to do a better job of promoting the work that needs to be done so that even more progress can be made. A special poster has been prepared. Look for it in your church. With this insert, we are calling for help. Here is the agenda of projects proposed for this year:

1. Shingling a professorage
2. Windows and siding on a professorage
3. Siding on a professorage
4. Bathroom remodel
5. Minor sheetrock repair
6. Window interior trim
7. Kitchen remodel
8. Some insulation installation
9. Roof repair
10. Minor repairs and upkeep here and there

