

✝ TODAY AT GRACE ✝

Organist: Maureen Ochsner Elder: Frank Radichel

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

Counting Team 4: Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust; James Bomber

Church Cleaners: R & H Nelson

✝ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✝

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

Counting Team 1: Dan Degnan; Larry Nelson; Phil Radichel; Pat Paplow

Church Cleaners: R & H Nelson

✝ OUR SCHEDULE ✝

- Sun., July 19: 9:00 am – Worship Service
10:15 am – Quarterly Voters & Dorcas Guild Meetings
- Sun., July 26: 9:00 am – Worship Service
- August 3-7: 9:00-11:30 am – Vacation Bible School
- Sat., Aug. 8: 9:00 am – School Cleaning Day
- Mon. Aug. 10: 7:00 pm – School Ice Cream Social
- Mon., Aug. 24: 10:00 am – Immanuel Opening Service @ Eau Claire, WI
- Mon. Aug. 31: 8:00 am – School Opening Service (First Day of School)
- Wed, Sept. 2: 4:30 pm – Catechism Begins for Public School Students
- Sun., Sept. 13: Return to Regular Schedule (Worship at 10 am)

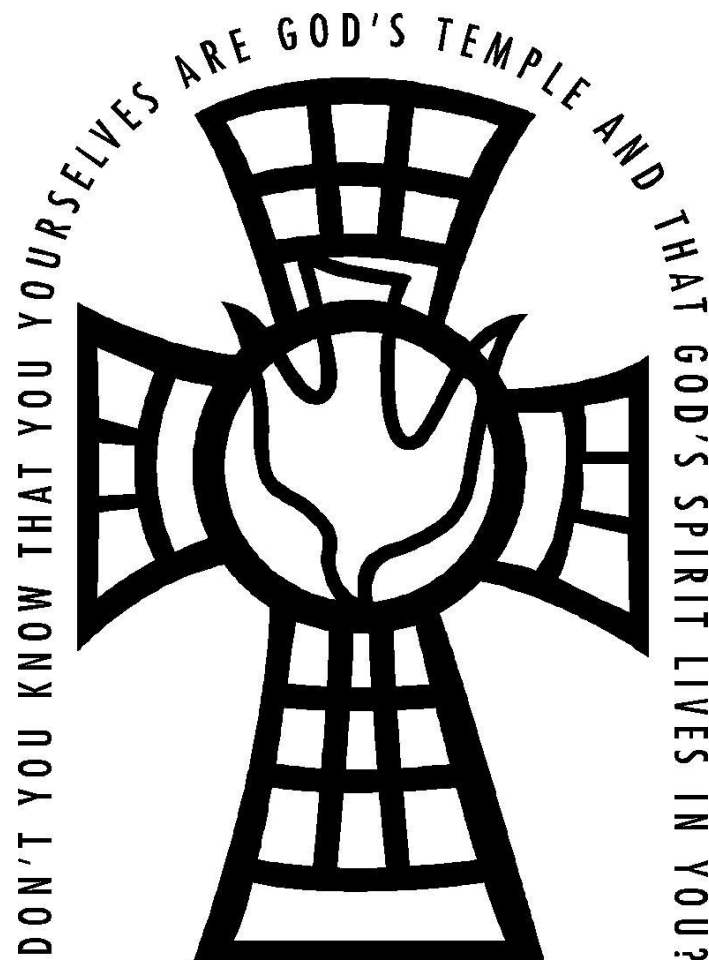
Last Week's Stats: July 12, 2015 Sun.: 106

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,384.30	CLC:	\$1,280.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,340.00	CLC:	1,060.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+44.30	CLC:	+220.00
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$85,421.62	CLC:	\$23,288.75
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	93,520.00	CLC:	29,680.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-8,098.38	CLC:	-6,391.25
GLC Other: 200.00	Living Faith: 0.00	Tuition Aid: 100.00		
SAF Endowment: 0.00	MDF: 0.00	Kinship: 150.00		
ILC Student Aid: 20.00	ILC Bldg. 150.00	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 0.00	
Current Balances:	Parking Lot: 7,255.00	Tuition Aid: 2,491.12		

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)

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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 7

Date: July 19, 2015

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 2: To Thy Temple I Repair

TLH 473: The Church's One Foundation

TLH 477: Lord Jesus, Thou the Church's Head

TLH 467, st. 1-4: Built on the Rock

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 87, TLH p. 140 f.

Liturgy:

TLH, p. 5 (Projected)

Gloria: TLH 249

Scripture Readings:

1 Samuel 7:3-12

Acts 17:21-34

Sermon: 1 Corinthians 3:10-17

¹⁰ According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. ¹¹ For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² Now if anyone builds on this foundation *with* gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, ¹³ each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. ¹⁴ If anyone's work which he has built on *it* endures, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. ¹⁶ Do you not know that you are the temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you? ¹⁷ If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which *temple* you are. (NKJVTM)

"Temple Building 101"

1. The preliminary planning of God's grace
2. The solid foundation of Jesus Christ
3. The fire-resistant building materials of sound doctrine
4. The building inspection of Judgment Day
5. The temple occupancy of the Holy Spirit
6. The temple maintenance of holiness

✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Vacation Bible School:** On August 3-7, 9:00-11:30 am, we will be having our VBS here at Grace. This includes children age 4 years to children going into eighth grade. Please register your children on the sheet by the guest book.
- ◆ **Immanuel Boosters Club:** Volunteers for low-profile ushering/security are being sought for working the Country Jam near Eau Claire, WI, in order to raise money for some extra athletic projects at Immanuel. If you are willing to help on July 23-25, please email Heather Schierenbeck (hschierenbeck@hotmail.com).
- ◆ **Snell Open:** This year's Snell Open will take place on Sat., Sept. 26 at Hidden Greens Golf Course in Hastings, MN. More info will be coming shortly, but for now, start getting a team together and let Steve Schierenbeck (steve.schierenbeck@metrostate.edu) know if there is anything you are willing to do or donate to help out the Scholarship Fund.
- ◆ **Installation:** Pastor Paul Krause will be installed as pastor of Zion in Hidewood Twp, SD, in a 9 am service on July 26. He will be installed as pastor of Trinity of Watertown, SD, in a 4 pm service on the same date. The service at Trinity will be followed by a meal provided by the congregation. We look forward to having CLC brethren join us.
- ◆ **Installation:** You are invited to thank and praise God with the members of Faith, Markesan at the 4 pm, Aug. 2nd installation service of their new pastor, Mike Schierenbeck. A meal will follow the service.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Michael Schierenbeck has accepted the call to Faith in Markesan, WI. ✠ Recent graduate, Leah Ude, has received the call to be pre-school teacher at Redeemer in Cheyenne, WY. ✠ This past Friday, July 17, the Lord called Martha Gullerud to heaven. She was the widow of Prof. C.M. Gullerud. Visitation: Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI, on Tues., July 21, 4-7 pm. Funeral: Messiah Lutheran, Wed., July 22, 11 am, lunch to follow. Correspondence: Pastor Mark Gullerud, P.O. Box 306, Bowdle, SD 57428. "*Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints*" Psalm 116:15.

Recent Address Changes: (phone & email unchanged)

Roger & Mary Brandt: 600 E Saguaro Dr. #302 Benson, AZ 85602	Jack & Sue Anne Kirkham 817 Mackenzie Drive Royse City, TX 75189
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MARTIN LUTHER ON GOVERNMENT

MARTIN LUTHER had much to say about government and the citizen's relation to it. Some comments:

“Even if the government does injustice, as did the king of Babylon to the Children of Israel, God nevertheless would have it obeyed without treachery ...

“As humbly as I conduct myself when God sends me a sickness, so humbly should I conduct myself toward evil government, which the same God sends me ...

“We are to rebuke our Pilates in their brazenness and defiance. But then they say: You are slandering and dishonoring the majesty of princes. To this we reply: We should and shall endure at their hands what they do to us; but we certainly do not intend to be quiet and say: Gracious Lord, you are doing what is right. For there is a great difference between these two: suffering injustice and violence, and being quiet about it. One should suffer injustice and violence, but one is not to remain quiet. For a Christian should testify to the truth and die for the sake of the truth ...

“You must know that from the beginning of the world a wise prince is a rare bird indeed; still more so a pious prince ...

“Respect for a governmental official is a very necessary requirement in a state. Therefore we should pray to God for the offices of the state; for they can very easily become corrupt since honors change morals, never for the better, and they are easily turned into tyrants ...

“Temporal authority and government extend no further than to matters which are external and corporeal.”

– Quotes: “What Luther Says” Vol. II. “Government.”

MULTI-GENERATIONAL WORSHIP?

The bulletin board of a church we passed recently announced a “Multi-generational Worship” service. What is such worship? Have we not been attending a multi-generational worship service since the day we were born?

Multi-generational worship is an acknowledgment that things are changing. It suggests that generational worship is the in-thing on today's church scene, otherwise, why make special mention of a multi-generational worship? Generational worship is age-specific giving the youth what appeals to them, and the older worshipers something that appeals to them -- as though the generations have nothing in common! At the same time, multi-generational worship suggests that perhaps segregating the generations in worship is not the end all. Some, therefore, have spoken of the concept as an attempt to blend the generations.

Multi-generational? As children, most of us sat with grandfather and grandmother, father and mother, and with older and younger brothers and sisters; at least we were in the same service. Young and old were blended generationally in the pew, while the Word of God by the power of the Spirit blended young and old spiritually.

Yes, there were and are age-segregated elements of church life. Catechism class, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, young peoples' meetings, as they were called, were age-segregated in that the attendees were generally youth. The adults for the most part attended a Bible Class on Sunday morning and/or during the week. However, on Sunday morning or in other services there was no segregation. All ages came together to hear the Word of the Lord, to join in hymn singing, and to praise the Lord. In other words, the norm not too many years ago was multi-generational worship.

Granted, the youngest do not have the depth of understanding as mom and dad. But it is important for the youth to be in worship with the older members of the family. As they hear the Word of God together it affords a teaching and learning opportunity as parents, grandparents and children hear the same lessons from the Bible, sing the same hymns, and listen to the pastor speak of sin, as well as speak of the Savior, Jesus. Sin is not a generational malady; the love of Christ for mankind knows no age distinction. In fact, how often have older adults not been surprised, if not comforted, by the “still, small voice” of young children who remembered something from the service!

We ought not suggest that the Holy Spirit is limited in what He can do in the heart of youngsters. Young Timothy knew the Holy Scriptures which made him wise unto salvation (2 Timothy 3:15). He learned them from his mother and grandmother. Ambrose wrote of the faith of children: "There is a lack of reason, but not of faith." (*) Surely as they are taught by parents, children also learn and are blessed through worship with their parents on Sunday morning.

But to the specific point: as a child advances to his teenage years and into young adulthood, he becomes more his own person and is inclined to feel less necessity for family interaction. This is the natural progression of life. As interests change within society, and youth become more independent, frequently parental advice is spurned. Parental customs and traditions become too confining, and perhaps out of tune with youthful idea of reality and what is "hip" or meaningful. Unfortunately this mentality frequently spills over into church life. Many, and they are not alone, see church as more of a social activity than a worship opportunity and privilege. Music and more traditional forms of worship may seem too restrictive, lacking relevancy. Consequently there are more white heads and bald heads than is comfortable for many looking for excitement.

What is the answer? Divide the congregation between the younger and the older — institute generational worship to which the older are kindly invited if they are so inclined?!

What can be gleaned from reading is that the generational divide is fueled to a great extent by music preferences as well as a desire for less structured worship and perhaps also a shorter, snappier service. This attitude is unwittingly fostered when the older generation, wedded to the past says, "We have always done it this way and this is the way we will continue to do it." What is needed is balance and sanctified judgment rather than creating a divide that in this age a multi-generational service is apparently supposed to bridge.

Sound Christian judgment will recognize that new hymns and sound substantive spiritual songs have a place in the service. The same is true with respect to occasional different forms of liturgy, so long as it is faithful in spiritual and biblical content.

Essential to Christian worship that recognizes no generational divide is the preaching of sin and grace. Members of every generation need the reminder of sin and its consequence, and before the throne of God are equally guilty. All are called to confess their sins before the Lord. Everyone regardless of age needs the reassurance of the forgiveness of sins through the atonement of the Savior Who makes no distinction in His love for man or woman, young or old. Where there is appreciation for the Word of God,

and for the embracing love of Christ there is nothing that can bind people, young or old, in a closer bond. Where priority is given to hearing the Word of the Lord, and to looking to Christ for the promised salvation, and where generations of every age have gathered around the foot of the cross, we need no new concept multi-generational worship.

The question is: How can the church retain the young without turning off the old, or how can the church retain the old without turning away the young? This then is the challenge of the Church in our day. Speak the Word faithfully. In word and in song express joy in the salvation of the Lord. The church that cares about the old or the young will cater to neither, but will embrace all as one, even as they are all one in Christ Jesus.

There is no generational gap implied in the exhortation of Scripture: "Preach the Word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all long suffering and teaching" (2 Timothy 4:2). Or, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16). The Gospel speaks comfort to young and old alike.

We ask again, "How can this be done in this day and age, without dividing and separating: How can old and young come together in the spirit of inter-generational fellowship around the Word?" We don't propose to have all the answers. We are confident however, that it begins with a mutual respect for the Lord and His love for young and old; a mutual acknowledgment that before God we are all in the same need of the Gospel; we all derive blessing from mutual fellowship in Christ as we worship together.

Scripture says, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave or free, there is neither male or female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28). Surely that is also true of our joining in worship with our fellow confessors of the faith. "You are all one in Christ Jesus." God help us to continue to appreciate this unity by worshiping together in the multi-generational fashion that has been part of our worship tradition. In pursuing this ideal "Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another ..." (Romans 12:10).

What sets forth the glorious salvation of our God, and what praises Him ought to be the priority of the Church as young and old worship together in faith and with a spirit of reverence.

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 7/2015

* *What Luther Says*, Vol. 1, p.142, para. 416