

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Al Rosendahl

Ushers: Roger Ochsner; Bob Maki; Jack Maki; John Maki;
Joel Stifter

Counting Team 2: Gary Gunther; Rick Nelson; Bill Rust; Bob
Vandever; Clint Welker

Hospitality Team 1: Phil & Jackie Radichel; Lynn & Janice
Sandhoefner

Church Cleaners: Wales

School: Oman

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Paul Lentz; Brad Kitzman; Rick Nelson; Keith
Radichel; Bob Vandever

Counting Team 3: Larry Brandt; Brian Eichstadt; Duane
Enns; Phil Flesner; Chad Hestekin; Benno Sydow

Hospitality Team 2: Brian & Maureen Eichstadt; Janelle
Hein; Jenny Kleifgen; Chris Lentz

Church Cleaners: Wales

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✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., May 7: 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service
11:15 am – Hospitality; 12:00 pm – Council Meeting

Mon., May 8: 10:00 am – MN Pastoral Study Club @ Mankato

Wed., May 10: 4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students

Fri., May 12: NO SCHOOL (K-4th Grade)
Field Day (5th-8th Grade, by Berea in Inver Grove Hts.)

Sat., May 13: 9:00 am – Flower Planting

Sun., May 14: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service
11:15 am – Hospitality; 11:30 am – Special Voters Meeting

Fri., May 19: 12:00 pm – Grace School Dismissal
3:00 pm – Immanuel Class Day @ Fieldhouse
7:30 pm – Immanuel Spring Concert @ Messiah Lutheran

Sat., May 20: 10:00 am – Immanuel Graduation Service @ Fieldhouse

Sun., May 21: Confirmation Sunday (Kathleen Baker)

Wed., May 24: 7:00 pm – Grace School Spring Program

Thu., May 25: 12:00 pm – Grace School Dismissal for Summer
7:00 pm – Ascension Day Worship

Sun., May 28: 9:00 am – Summer Worship Schedule Begins (Graduation)

Sun., June 4: 3:00 pm – Minnesota Delegate Conference (New Ulm, MN)

June 13-15: CLC General Pastoral Conference (Eau Claire, WI)

July 24-28: 9:00-11:30 am – Vacation Bible School

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Pastor: John Hein (Cell 612-408-1635)

Phone: 763-784-8784

School Phone: 763-784-6340

Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Easter 4

Date: May 7, 2017

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 436: The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

TLH 368: The Lord My Pasture Shall Prepare

TLH 485 st. 1-3, 6-7: Lord Jesus, Who art Come

Communion: TLH 206

TLH 51: Now May He Who from the Dead

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 23, TLH p. 128

Liturgy:

TLH, p. 15 (Communion)

Gloria: TLH 200:1,8

Scripture Reading:

Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60

1 Peter 2:19-25

Sermon: John 10:1-10

¹ "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. ² "But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ "To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ "And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵ "Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶ Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them. ⁷ Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ "All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. ⁹ "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." (NKJVTM)

"Recognizing the Voice of Our Good Shepherd"

1. A voice which directs the sheep to the Door
2. A voice which leads the sheep to pasture

✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Liberia Call:** Dear Brothers and Sisters of Grace Lutheran Church, As you have been informed, the CLC Board of Missions has called me to be the part-time missionary to Liberia. The details of this call are being shared with you in today's bulletin since the Board of Missions has also sent a letter for the congregation to consider. The Elders and President have determined to call a special Voter meeting for Sunday, May 14, following the worship service. This is to consider what the Board of Missions is requesting from the congregation: "Pastor Hein must have the approval of Grace, by voter resolution, in order to consider himself available for this part-time call." We realize May 14 is Mothers Day, but this matter will need to be resolved in order for me to move on in the considerations of the call. Today we have an Elders meeting and a Council meeting. So discussion will commence, hopefully with a recommendation from the Council to the Voters. Upon initial reading of the letter, both myself and the Elders particularly noted the 3-5 week annual trip. After speaking with the Board of Missions about this, this is to show the time commitment involved but can be something the congregation and the Board can adjust. The Board has stated that normally such trips take three weeks, something which I could arrange to where I'd miss only two Sundays (leaving on a Mon. and coming back on a Sat.). Again, I request your prayers and helpful comments. In Christ, Pastor John Hein
- ◆ **Among Us:** Samuel Baker was diagnosed with asthma which is now able to be treated proactively. Since his last release from the hospital he hasn't had any breathing issues. The family is thankful that they now know what's going on and also for all the words of comfort and show of concern from everyone. They say: "We truly are blessed!"
- ◆ **Sunday School:** The Sunday School children will be singing in church next Sunday, May 14.
- ◆ **Graduates:** Please list any member of Grace that is graduating this year (Jan-Dec 2017) on the sheet on the tract rack table. Include the school's name and the degree. Our Graduation Sunday is May 28. Kathleen Baker will also graduate from Grace School that day.
- ◆ **Grace Lutheran School** staff is already planning for the 2017-18 school year. If you are interested in enrolling your child in our school, please speak to one of the teachers for an enrollment form.
- ◆ **Landscaping:** Flower planting on the church grounds will be on Saturday, May 13 at 9 am. If you helped last year and would like to help again with planting and watering, or if you'd like to join the Flower Committee for this year, please speak with Heidi Nelson.
- ◆ **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.

- ◆ **Campbell's Labels for Education:** Since participation in this program has declined in the past few years (not on our part), Campbell is discontinuing this program. Grace School has benefited from this program for over 20 years obtaining educational and playground items at no cost to the school. Recently the school has opted to redeem UPCs for prepaid Visa cards for purchasing items not offered in the Campbell catalog. One last final submission of UPCs will be made the first week in June. Therefore, please bring all labels and deposit them in the container in the Fellowship Hall by the end of May. Many thanks for supporting Grace School by submitting labels.
- ◆ **From the Ude's:** To paraphrase Paul (Philippians 1:3-5) "We thank God upon every remembrance of you, in prayer making joyful request that our glorious fellowship continue." Dear members of Grace, Fridley. We hold many memories of you precious in our hearts. We want to thank you for your very generous gift. It was truly a comforting, refreshing ointment. Deb's health has continued to decline. The many medical doctors we have seen and tests she has taken have still not been able to diagnose the cause. They have diagnosed it as a neurodegenerative disease with fast acting dementia. We have to keep placing it in the Lord's hands, Who does know all. Who works all to give us a future and a hope. We really appreciate your support. Your love for God's Word and zealous labors to serve Him are a wonderful testimony to His grace. Thank you and may the Lord cause His love and grace to abound unto you. In Christ Jesus, John & Deborah Ude (posted on bulletin board)
- ◆ **Explanation:** The Ude's sent the previous "Thank you" to the congregation as a result of the Elders sending some Living Faith funds. Prof. Ude was the former pastor here at Grace and his wife, Deb, was a former teacher. They are also Michael Ude's parents. Deb has been in many of our recent congregational prayers due to her declining health. You are encouraged to continue to pray and support her and John. Also, a few days ago the family setup a "Go Fund Me" website. You can support the family's medical expenses at: www.gofundme.com/8mhwt7-deborahs-medical-expenses.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Heidi Nelson has returned the call to Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI. ✠ Pastor-elect Samuel Rodebaugh has accepted the call to Immanuel Lutheran in Winter Haven, FL. ✠ Pastor-elect Stefan Sonnenfeld has accepted the call to Faith Lutheran in Manchester, MO (St. Louis area). ✠ Pastor-elect Thomas Naumann has accepted the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran in Madison Heights, MI (Detroit area). ✠ Pastor Matthew Hanel of St. Matthew Lutheran in Dallas, TX, has returned the call to Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN. ✠ Mr. Karl Olmanson has returned the call to be teacher/principal at the new school in Grace Lutheran in Sleepy Eye, MN. The congregation has now called Teacher David Bernthal of Luther Memorial in Fond du Lac, WI. ✠ Teacher Lane Fischer of Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN, has been call to reopen the school at Redeemer Lutheran in Cheyenne, WY. ✠ Teacher Ross Kok of St. John's Lutheran in Okabena MN, has been called to teach at Faith Lutheran in Markesan, WI. He has since returned the call. An update for Pastor Ed Starkey's wife, Janice, who has cancer, is posted on the bulletin board.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #25 – Sacrament of the Altar 1 & 2

OUR SHEPHERD IN THE SCRIPTURES:

As Christians, our faith rests upon the true and certain words of Scripture. These are inspired by the Holy Spirit for our learning and comfort. As an illustration, the words of the Twenty-third Psalm have brought much comfort to Christians of all times and of all ages. But because of our sinful nature, we know that we often teeter between confident faith and unstable faith. The following farce of the Twenty-third Psalm shows how this is so. As you read this, realize how our faith needs to be based on the certainty of God's Word, not on our own thoughts and ways which can so easily be misguided.



UNSTABLE FAITH: I'M IN NEED OF A SHEPHERD

I have no shepherd. I want and am in need. I have no one to feed me in green pastures. I have no rest. I have no one to lead me to quiet waters. I am thirsty. I have no one to restore my anxious and despairing soul. I find no one to guide me in right ways. I don't know where to turn. As I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, evil surrounds me. I am terribly afraid, for no one is with me to comfort me. I have no feast prepared for me. I am overwhelmed by my enemies. No one anoints my wounds or fills my cup. My cup is empty. All the days of my life are filled with disappointments and deceit. I have no home for eternity. Will I dwell in the evil house forever?

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- Twenty-third Psalm

Voter Minute Notes – April 23, 2017

The meeting called to order with prayer. The Jan. voter meeting minutes were read and approved. The 1st quarter treasurer's report was read and approved.

Pastor's Report

- Ryan Mueller has been transferred to St. John's in Okabena.
- Ned Sandhoefner has been transferred to Messiah in Eau Claire.
- The tour choir was well attended.
- Lenten service attendance was down this year.
- Easter attendance was very low this year.
- The 500th Reformation seminar is still being discussed.
- Sunday School attendance has been declining this year.

Board of Elders Report

- Easter breakfast went well.
- Bible class is starting a series on stewardship.
- Improvements to the interior of the church are being investigated.
- Abuse prevention policy is being worked on.
- Phil Flesner has resigned from the Board of Education.

Board of Education Report

- There are currently 17 students attending Grace school. 8 are non-members.
- All 5 KG students will be attending 1st grade next year, resulting in a net gain of +4 students.
- Tuition for non-member students will remain frozen for next year.
- The student fair went well on April 7.
- The SLP parade is scheduled for June 8.

Board of Trustees Report

- This Saturday, April 29, will be a work day at Grace.
- Changing to a new property insurance carrier is put on hold until we finish dealing with our current carrier regarding some hail damage.
- Improvements to the interior of the church are being considered.

Other Business

- Ed Lentz requested to be removed from voter membership.
- Record retention of online and hardcopy documents by utilizing the cloud is being pursued.
- An election to complete the vacated position on the Board of Education was held. Nominated: Brad Kitzman & Michael Ude. Michael Ude was elected.

Adapted from minutes from Secretary Roger Ochsner

Last Week's Stats: Apr. 30, 2017 Sun.: 112 S.S.: 19 B.Cl.: 51

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,769.71	CLC:	\$735.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,300.00	CLC:	950.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-530.29	CLC:	-215.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$58,617.60	CLC:	\$16,280.00	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	59,400.00	CLC:	17,100.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-782.40	CLC:	-820.00	
GLC Other:	132.45	Living Faith:	10.00	Tuition Aid:	115.00
SAF Endowment:	0.00	MDF:	50.00	Kinship:	60.00
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