

## ✝ TODAY AT GRACE ✝

Organist: Maureen Ochsner      Elder: Al Rosendahl

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      School: Pearson

## ✝ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✝

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

Counting Team 4: James Bomber; Brad Kitzman; Paul Lentz; Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust

Hospitality Team 3: Larry Nelson; Barb Sydow; Nick & Miranda Duehlmeier; Dan & Cindy Degnan

Church Cleaners: Wales      School: Wales

## ✝ OUR SCHEDULE ✝

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

**Wed., May 17:** 4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students

**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:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
9:00 am – Confirmation Examination  
10:00 am – Worship Service w/Confirmation  
11:15 am – Hospitality

**Wed., May 24:** 7:00 pm – Grace School Program (Radichel Retirement)

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

**Sun., May 28:** Summer Schedule Begins  
9:00 am – Summer Worship Schedule Begins (Graduation)  
10:00 am – Hospitality (last one, honoring graduates)

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

**Thu., June 8:** 6:00 pm – Spring Lake Park Tower Days Parade

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

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

**Mon., Aug. 28:** Opening Day at Grace Lutheran School

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**Grades:** Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup>

**Date:** May 14, 2017

## ✝ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✝

### Hymns:

TLH 16: Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word

S.S. TLH 464: Blest Be the Tie that Binds

TLH 5: Lord, Open Thou My Heart to Hear

TLH 291: Lamp of Our Feet Whereby We Trace

TLH 49: Almighty God, Thy Word is Cast

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

### Worship Prep:

Psalms 33, TLH p. 131

### Liturgy:

TLH, p. 5 (Projected)  
Abbreviated

### Scripture Reading:

1 Peter 2:4-10  
John 14:1-12

### Sermon: Acts 17:1-12

<sup>1</sup> Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> Then Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus whom I preach to you is the Christ." <sup>4</sup> And some of them were persuaded; and a great multitude of the devout Greeks, and not a few of the leading women, joined Paul and Silas. <sup>5</sup> But the Jews who were not persuaded, becoming envious, took some of the evil men from the marketplace, and gathering a mob, set all the city in an uproar and attacked the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people. <sup>6</sup> But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some brethren to the rulers of the city, crying out, "These who have turned the world upside down have come here too. <sup>7</sup> "Jason has harbored them, and these are all acting contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying there is another king-- Jesus." <sup>8</sup> And they troubled the crowd and the rulers of the city when they heard these things. <sup>9</sup> So when they had taken security from Jason and the rest, they let them go. <sup>10</sup> Then the brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea. When they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. <sup>11</sup> These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so. <sup>12</sup> Therefore many of them believed, and also not a few of the Greeks, prominent women as well as men. (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

"What's Your Attitude toward the Word?"

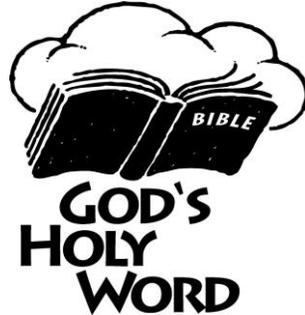
1. Like Thessalonica, scheming to justify evil?
2. Like Berea, searching the Scriptures for truth?

## CLC E-Devotion – Saturday, July 5, 2014

Matthew 18:1-4 At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” He called a little child and had him stand among them. And he said: “I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

### **HUMBLY TRUST HIS WORD**

One of the characteristics of little children is that they believe what their parents say to them. I know with my daughters I have to be very careful when they ask me questions because whatever answers I give them, they will believe and accept them as the truth. If one asks, “Daddy, how come ...” then I had better make sure I know “how come” before I say something!



As we get older, the devil challenges our child-like trust in Jesus. As adults, those things we learned in Sunday School and youth Bible classes can begin to seem too “childish” to us. Our “grown up” minds don’t appreciate so well the simple gospel of salvation by faith for Christ’s sake. We can become proud, thinking that we know better than what God tells us. And so people have wandered away from the simple truths of the good news of Jesus. They have looked for other ways of salvation and happiness--to the destruction of their souls.

God reminds us to be child-like in the way we treat the things He says to us--to accept them as the truth without question! Jesus said to His disciples: “Unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” There are times to be skeptical--like when you’re watching an infomercial on television. But when the Lord says: “You are forgiven. I will take you to heaven to be with me. I will help you through your earthly struggles and sorrows,” that is not a time to question or doubt Him. That is the time to believe like little children.

A simple, child-like faith in your Savior is not a sign of weakness. It does not mean you are simple-minded or lacking in intelligence. It means that the Holy Spirit has worked in you, for no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 12:3). Continue to stand up for your faith; to be confident in what God says because His word is truth.

## Council Meeting Notes – May 7, 2017

The meeting was called to order with a prayer. Michael Ude was installed to serve on the Board of Education. The April Council meeting minutes were read and approved. The April treasurer’s report was read and approved.

### Pastor’s Report

- A stewardship series is being presented in Bible class.
- May 21 is confirmation of Kathleen Baker.
- May 25 is Ascension at 7:00 pm.
- May 28 is graduation recognition.
- Discussion was held regarding Pastor’s call to be part time missionary to Liberia.

### Board of Elders Report

- A motion by the Elders passed to recommend to the Voters to support Pastor as part-time missionary to Liberia.
- Health insurance premiums are increasing.

### Board of Education Report

- June 8 is the Spring Lake Park parade. Rick Nelson is pursuing improved banners for the sides of the trailer, an upgrade from the painted boards we have been using.
- Iowa Basic testing is complete. The results were considered very good.
- The handbook is being updated that the children will need parental supervision after school.
- A dropdown projector is being researched for Janelle’s room.
- All 5 kindergarten students will be attending 1<sup>st</sup> grade next year.
- A volunteer kindergarten teacher for the 2018-2019 school year would be appreciated. An announcement will be placed in the bulletin.

### Board of Trustees Report

- Changing to a new property insurance carrier is put on hold until we finish dealing with our current carrier regarding some hail damage.

### Other Business

- Backup for record retention of online and hardcopy documents by utilizing the cloud was expressed as a concern.

Adapted from minutes from Secretary Roger Ochsner

### Last Week’s Stats: May 7, 2017 Sun.: 100 S.S.: 16 B.Cl.: 34

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,891.80	CLC:	\$1,108.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,300.00	CLC:	950.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+591.80	CLC:	+158.00	
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:	427.55	Living Faith:	15.00	Tuition Aid:	158.00
SAF Endowment:	0.00	MDF:	362.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid:	100.00	ILC Bldg.	200.00	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 0.00
Current Balances:		Parking Lot:	24,065.25	Tuition Aid:	2,034.12

## CLC Financial Report - April

CLC Financial Report	Balance	YTD	YTD	Budget	Balance
Operating Funds	7/1/2016	Revenue	Disbursed	10 Months	4/30/2017
General Fund	0	793,852	746,145	\$750,000	47,707
ILC Operations	0	1,127,433	1,034,348	564,200	93,085
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,921,285</b>	<b>\$1,780,493</b>	<b>\$1,314,200</b>	<b>\$140,792</b>
<b>Auxiliary Funds</b>					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	15,928	15,728	11,375		20,281
ILC Building Projects (AC/Dorm)	12,682	153,647	117,028		49,301
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	46,243	213,480	184,029		75,694
Kinship	56,625	73,289	89,238		40,676
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	1,291,661	852,804	603,893		1,540,572
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	10,103	169,396	151,089		28,410
Reserve Fund <small>Adjustments on 9/1/16 &amp; 4/1/17</small>	119,696	26,415	9,500	Corrected Bal -->	136,611
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,552,938</b>	<b>\$1,504,759</b>	<b>\$1,166,152</b>		<b>\$1,891,545</b>

ILC Academic Center Mortgage (& North Hall Renovation)	
Beginning Balance January 1, 2010	\$1,751,804
Current Balance April 30, 2017	\$1,230,704
(* North Hall not in AC Bal) Principal paid to date	<b>\$521,100</b>
North Hall Reno Budget \$300,000. YTD Spent:	* \$20,188

### Notes:

- \* **General Fund** offerings in April totaled \$76,218 vs disbursements of \$68,477. The budgeted need of the General Fund is \$75,000/month. The General Fund balance improved by \$7,700 in April. The General Fund is supported by congregational offerings to the CBP Budget, which provides the basic monthly subsidy needed for the work of our Boards of Trustees, Missions, ILC, & Education/Publication.
- \* **ILC Building Projects** offerings in April totaled \$4,605 vs disbursements of \$7,984, which is the monthly CEF loan payment on the Academic Center (AC). The \$46,301 balance in the Building Projects Fund will draw down quickly as the \$300,000 renovation project of the **North Hall** boys' dorm moves quickly with school recessed for the summer. The Trustees maintain a 3-month buffer of \$24,000 in the Building Projects Fund to assure loan payments on the AC. Balances above the buffer will draw down for North Hall renovation expenses until the need to borrow from the Church Extension Fund.
- \* **MDF**: offerings in April totaled \$8,132 vs disbursements of \$2,674, improving the balance by \$5,400.
- \* **SAF**: received \$32,345 in April from offerings (\$22,129) and student loans repaid (\$10,215) vs disbursements of \$10,303 in student loans & family discounts allocated to student accounts for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. The SAF has a balance of \$28,410 and will use \$10,000 of that for student loans & grants for the last month of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester. The SAF budget for the next school year is \$160,000, to provide student loans (\$80,000), multi-student discounts, grants, & scholarships (\$54,000), & other expenses.
- \* **Reserve Fund**: several corrections were made during the year to produce the corrected balance above.

James E. Sandeen, CLC Treasurer

Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees

## ✝ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✝

- ◆ **A Blessed Mother's Day** to all our mothers in the congregation. We thank the Lord for the Christian care and concern that you have imparted to your children through the Word of God. May that same Word strengthen you for the times in which we live, knowing the comfort you receive through God's gracious promises.
- ◆ **Special Voters Meeting Today:** The Voters will meet to consider a motion from the Council regarding the call Pastor Hein has from the CLC Board of Missions to be the part-time missionary to Liberia. The Board requires a motion from the Voters to approve this since it would involve Pastor receiving a leave of absence to make any visits to Liberia. After discussion last week, the Council is recommending that the Voters support Pastor as part-time missionary to Liberia. Should this pass, Pastor would continue to deliberate the call. In fact, with David Rust traveling there this month, there are certain things that he could report back that could help in the deliberations. Pastor Hein requests your prayers and helpful comments as he seeks that the Lord's will be done.
- ◆ **Kindergarten:** With Ann Radichel's retirement we have a vacancy for a Kindergarten teacher starting this fall. Due to budget constraints at this time, we are looking for a volunteer. If anyone is interested, or knows anyone in the CLC who might be interested in serving the Lord in this manner, please let the Board of Education (Chad Hestekin, James Bomber, Michael Ude) or Pastor know. On Wednesday, May 24, after the school play, Ann Radichel will be recognized for her retirement from teaching in our school. Special thanks to Ann for her years of service at our school!
- ◆ **Grace Lutheran School** staff is 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.
- ◆ **Confirmation:** Next Sunday is Confirmation of Kathleen Baker. She has been putting in considerable time to prepare for her public exam which will be at 9 am in the sanctuary. During the worship service she will make her public confirmation vows. May the Lord richly bless the day to His honor and glory.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Graduation Invitations:** The bulletin board by Pastor's office includes some invitations from this year's graduates.

- ◆ **Landscaping:** A big thanks to those who helped plant flowers yesterday. If you are interested in helping water them this summer on a rotating schedule, speak with Heidi Nelson.
- ◆ **Lutheran Spokesman:** The Lutheran Spokesman is a CLC publication which is dedicated to sharing 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 signup. The congregation covers the cost.
- ◆ **Grace School Program:** On Wed., May 24, 7 pm, the children of our day school will be putting on their play, "The Case of the Missing Part of Speech." All members and friends of Grace are invited to show support of the children's efforts and of our school. Refreshments will follow.
- ◆ **Ascension Worship:** 40 days after Jesus' resurrection He ascended into heaven visibly from His disciples. Knowing that He was now seated at the right hand of the Father in full glory and ruling over all things, they worshipped Him with great joy. Our opportunity to worship Him is next Thurs., May 25, 7 pm.
- ◆ **Summer Worship Schedule:** On Sunday, May 28, the summer schedule will begin with worship service held at 9 am. Bible Class and Sunday School will be suspended for the summer. Hospitality hour will also be suspended after honoring the graduates. If anyone wishes to host any of the Sundays in summer, they may sign up on the list located on the fellowship hall's bulletin board.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Spring Lake Park Parade:** On Thurs., June 8, 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. We will meet at 5:45 pm on Thurs. at Woodcrest Elementary School (intersection of Osborne & Able). The parade begins at 6:30 pm. Please speak with Chad Hestekin for questions.

- ◆ **Vacation Bible School:** On July 24-28, 9:00-11:30 am, we will be having our VBS. This includes children age 4 years, to children going into eighth grade. Please register your children on the sheet by the guest book. In preparing for VBS, we will need to put together a staff, including teachers and coordinators for crafts and music. Please consider this labor of love and let Pastor know of your willingness.



- ◆ **Volunteers Needed This Summer:** Immanuel Lutheran High School & College of Eau Claire needs your help! No matter your age or ability or talents, there is a task for you. Gather your friends or family and experience the joy of helping out at the campus of Immanuel. The variety of jobs is endless: cleaning, painting, construction, simple repairs on dorm furniture, carpet shampooing, gardening, pruning, etc. Partial days, full days, or multiple work days are welcome! Housing at nearby homes or in the dorms is available for those who come from out of town. Below are suggested work dates and contact people. Call or email these contacts, and they will get the message through to Paul Heinze, the Facilities Manager at Immanuel.
  - May 21 -May 28: Laila Fleischer 651-309-7403 LeFleischer2@gmail.com
  - May 29 -June 3: Lynette Roehl 715-831-8306 lynette.roehl@ilc.edu
  - June 4-June 10: Nicole Lang 651-247-2565 niccoco@charter.net
  - Aug. 6 - Aug. 12: Mary Ryan 715-271-1077 marydryan@yahoo.com
  - Aug. 13-Aug. 18: Lynn Hammond 715-781-9470 imisswyo@yahoo.com
- ◆ **TVBS Volunteers:** TVBS (Traveling Vacation Bible School) is the program for helping congregations by either distributing flyers or teaching. Help is being sought for Red Wing, MN (flyer distribution, 1-2 days during 7/10-7/14, teaching 7/31-8/04) and/or Mapleton, ND (flyer distribution during 7/17-7/21, teaching 7/30-8/03). Please contact Dan Gurgel at djgurgel@outlook.com as soon as possible as the plans need to be finalized in two weeks.
- ◆ **Installation:** Thanks be to God for providing Pastor-Elect Stefan Sonnenfeld to fill the vacancy here at Faith Lutheran Church of St. Louis County, MO. The installation/Ordination service is planned for Sunday July 2 at 10:00 am. We extend an invitation to anyone who would like to attend the service and a dinner following the service.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Teacher Collette Krause has accepted the one-year call to teach Kindergarten at Trinity Lutheran in Watertown, SD. † Teacher Lane Fischer of Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN, has returned the teaching call to Redeemer Lutheran in Cheyenne, WY.