

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Al Rosendahl

Ushers: Al Rosendahl; Scott Baker; Chad Hestekin; David Stifter; Lyle Trulin

Counting Team 1: Dan Degnan; Dale Enns; Larry Nelson; Ryan Oman; Pat Paplow; Phil Radichel

Church Cleaners: Fleischer

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Al Rosendahl; Scott Baker; Chad Hestekin; David Stifter; Lyle Trulin

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

Church Cleaners: Fleischer

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Aug. 20: 9:00 am – Worship Service
3:00 pm – Opening Service at Immanuel (Eau Claire, WI)

Sun., Aug. 27: 9:00 am – Worship Service

Mon., Aug. 28: 8:00 am – Opening Service for Grace Lutheran School

Sun., Sept. 3: 9:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper

Mon., Sept. 4: Labor Day – No School

Wed., Sept. 6: 4:30-6:15 – Catechism Begins for Public School Students

Sun. Sept. 10: Return to Regular Sunday Schedule

8:30 am – Choir Practice Begins

9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School Begin

10:00 am – Worship Service

11:00 am – Hospitality Begins

Mon., Sept. 11: 10:00 am – MN Pastoral Study Club

Sun., Sept. 17: Annual Church Picnic & MN Delegate Conference

October Sundays: Lutheran Reformation Pulpit Rotation

October 3-4: Minnesota Pastoral Conference @ Grace

October 18-20: CLC Teachers' Conference @ Mankato, MN

Sun., Oct. 29: 4:00 pm – Joint Reformation Service @ Mankato, MN

October 31: 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation

Last Week's Stats: Aug. 13, 2017 Sun.: 75

Sun. Offering:		Grace:	\$2,017.40	CLC:	\$1,105.00
Weekly Need:		Grace:	3,300.00	CLC:	950.00
-Under / +Over:		Grace:	-1,282.60	CLC:	+155.00
Year-to-Date Offering::		Grace:	\$101,487.22	CLC:	\$30,434.00
Year-to-Date Need:		Grace:	108,900.00	CLC:	31,350.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)		Grace:	-7,412.78	CLC:	-916.00
GLC Other:	580.00	Living Faith:	10.00	Tuition Aid:	10.00
SAF Endowment:	0.00	MDF:	10.00	Kinship:	125.00
ILC Student Aid:	0.00	ILC Bldg.	0.00	IIF:	100.00
				CEF:	0.00
Current Balances:		Parking Lot:	28,112.75	Tuition Aid:	5,098.62

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Grades: 1st-8th

Date: August 20, 2017

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 530: Thy Ways, O Lord, with Wise Design

TLH 527: Lord, It Belongs Not to My Care

TLH 529: I Leave All Things to God's Direction

TLH 47: Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 27, TLH p. 129

Liturgy:

TLH, p. 5 (Projected)

Gloria: TLH 244:1,4

Scripture Reading:

Philippians 1:18-27

Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon: Isaiah 55:6-11

⁶ Seek the LORD while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near. ⁷ Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon. ⁸ "For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts, Nor *are* your ways My ways," says the LORD. ⁹ "For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰ "For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, ¹¹ So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it. (NKJVTM)

God's Thoughts, Not Our Thoughts

✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ♦ **School Volunteers:** Grace Lutheran School is still looking for volunteers to assist the teachers with the upcoming school year. If you can help with these or other school activities, please speak to Janelle Hein or a Board of Ed member (Chad Hestekin, James Bomber, or Michael Ude). Specific areas to help include (found on signup sheet):
 - Recess monitor: daily 11:35-11:55 and 1:50-2:05
 - Lunch monitor: daily 11:55-12:20
 - Study hall monitor: daily 9:30-11:15 or as otherwise arranged.
- ♦ **Service Schedule:** Please remember that the service schedule will be changing on Sept. 10. Sunday School and Bible Class will begin at 9:00 am with regular morning worship at 10:00 am.
- ♦ **Sunday School:** Those interested in helping out as teacher substitutes may speak with either Pastor or Michael Ude.
- ♦ **Church Picnic:** On Sun., Sept. 17 there will be a church picnic here on the church grounds following our regular church service. Grilled meat will be provided. Members are asked to bring a dish to share, including things like salads, chips, and/or desserts. Committee #3 will be serving and cleanup, though additional help would be appreciated.
- ♦ **Golf Outing:** The 10th Annual Snell Open benefitting the Josh Snell Memorial Scholarship Fund is set for Sat., Sept. 23, at Hidden Greens in Hastings, MN. Registration forms are by the guest book.
- ♦ **Immanuel's Opening Service:** The opening worship service for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary will be today at 3 pm at the campus fieldhouse. Please continue to pray for the Lord to bless the Christian education of our young people at Immanuel as God's enduring Word of truth is passed down to the next generation.
- ♦ **Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors Day:** is November 10 beginning at 10 am in the ILC gymnasium for chapel. It will feature presentations and classroom visits until 3 pm. Come and learn more about your church's college and a continuing education with Christ. We will attempt to provide lodging, if needed, Thursday or Friday nights for those attending College Visitor's Day and these visitors will be our guests at meals. Friday evening there is the opportunity to see the ILC fall musical: Anne with an E. It will be performed both Fri. and Sat. evenings at 7:30 pm. A band concert will precede it Fri. night at 7 pm and a variety of student musical performances on Sat. night at 7 pm. Speak with your pastor about questions and attendance. Someone please convey attendance information and any housing requests to Prof. John Ude, the ILC academic dean, by Nov. 7 (W: 715-836-6631/H: 715-600-6210/john.ude@ilc.edu).



- ♦ **Partners in Ministry Program:** The 2016 CLC Convention approved the Partners in Ministry Program which is designed to link active CLC called servants who have obligations to repay ILC Student Aid Fund loans with sponsors who agree to provide matching funds for payments on those loans. The donor and recipient would remain anonymous to each other. This program is now ready for implementation. There are about a dozen eligible account holders who have been contacted directly to see if they are interested in participating and who would need to fill out an application annually. While donors may get involved with this at any time, it would be helpful to have the initial slate of donors in place by September 1 (extended deadline). Those interested in being donors or those who have questions may contact the ILC Business Manager, Jim Sandeen, 715-836-6622/jimsandeen@gmail.com.
- ♦ **Prayers for Nepal:** Heavy rainfall has led to massive flooding in hundreds of villages in Nepal. Approximately 100,000 people in 37 of Nepal's 75 districts have been affected, and at least 110 deaths have been reported. Among those affected are about 300 families from among our brothers and sisters in the HCLCN, many of whom have been displaced from their homes. The Board of Missions has authorized an initial \$5000 from the CLC Mission Development Fund (MDF) to assist our fellow Christians with recovery efforts. Please pray for the Lord's protection and provision for those who are suffering in Nepal, and pray that He provides wisdom and resources to those who are working to assist the many who are in need.
- ♦ **Missionary Update:** This past week, Missionary Ohlmann was in a bicycle accident and fractured the c3 vertebrae in his neck. A fracture to this vertebrae is very serious and could cause paralysis and even death. Thankfully, the Lord has preserved Todd from either of these. He will need to wear a neck brace and be under some strong movement restrictions for at least a month while they watch the fracture and make sure that it heals. He had a trip to Zambia planned this month, and that will need to be rescheduled. In addition, Missionary Evensen has safely returned to India after his furlough in the US. We thank the LORD for His care and protection of both of our Missionaries, and pray that He would grant a rapid recovery according to His will and grant them both the strength and wisdom to carry out the work of the Lord's kingdom which is before them. CLC Board of Missions
- ♦ **Invitation:** Luther Memorial of Fond du Lac, WI, is celebrating and praising the Lord's blessings and work in our fully remodeled church and school over this past year. On Sat., Sept. 16, we will be serving lunch at 11:30 am, followed by our dedication service at 1 pm and a cake reception/presentation following the service. There will also be tours given before and after the dedication worship service. We hope you will join us in praising Jesus for this historical event for our congregation. If you are able to come, please RSVP at FDLlutheran.com by Sept. 9!

CLC Financial Report - July

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2017	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 1 Month	Balance 7/31/2017
General Fund	0	46,475	86,883	77,500	- 40,408
ILC Operations	0	59,029	76,259	44,000	- 17,230
Total	\$0	\$105,504	\$163,142	\$121,500	- \$57,638
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	27,274	400	6,471		21,203
ILC Building Projects (AC/Dorm)	- 49,213	1,582	7,984		- 55,615
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	61,237	7,452	4,745		63,944
Kinship	43,040	8,430	14,105		37,365
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	1,030,843	33,139	2,583		1,061,399
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	68,917	8,717	11,067		66,567
Reserve Fund	225,190	0	0		225,190
Total	\$1,407,288	\$59,720	\$46,955		\$1,420,053

ILC Academic Center Mortgage (& North Hall Renovation)	
Beginning Balance January 1, 2010	\$1,751,804
Current Balance July 31, 2017	\$1,219,020
(* North Hall not in AC Bal) Principal paid to date	\$532,784
North Hall Reno Budget \$300,000. YTD Spent:	* \$225,088

Notes:

* **General Fund** offerings in July totaled \$46,475 vs disbursements of \$86,883, beginning the fiscal year with a negative balance of -\$40,408. Congregational offerings fell short of congregational CBP estimates by \$31,000. The General Fund & Boards zero out their budgets at the end of each fiscal year by returning unused CLC subsidy (\$81,640) to the CLC Reserve Fund, to begin the new fiscal year at \$0.

* **ILC Building Projects** offerings in July totaled \$1,582 vs disbursements of \$7,984, which is the monthly loan payment on the Academic Center (AC). The renovation of North Hall boys' dorm is planned to be completed by August 31 at a total cost of \$255,000, \$45,000 under budget. The balance in the Projects Fund is temporarily negative, but will become positive when the North Hall loan restores the Building Projects Fund to its pre-renovation balance of \$24,000. The Trustees retain this reserve to assure loan payments on the Academic Center. Offerings substantially above this amount are paid directly on the loan principal. The North Hall renovation loan will now be rolled into the Academic Center loan balance to maintain one monthly loan payment. North Hall renovation included removal & replacement of the old, inefficient HVAC system, re-roofing, new windows through-out, high efficiency water heaters, and some spruce-up on this 37-year-old building.

* **MDF:** offerings in July totaled \$7,452 vs disbursements of \$4,745.

* **SAF:** received \$8,717 in July from offerings (\$2,584) and student loans repaid (\$6,132) vs disbursements of \$11,067, which was from Family Multi-student grants allocated to student accounts for the 2nd semester and other expenses. The SAF balance of \$66,567 is a good start toward the SAF budget for the next school year of \$160,000, to provide student loans, grants, & scholarships. Funding depends on congregational offerings, repayment of SAF student loans, & Endowment investment income.

James E. Sandeen, CLC Treasurer

Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees

Council Meeting Notes – August 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order with prayer. The July Council meeting minutes were read and approved. The July treasurer's report was read and approved.

Pastor's Report

- Pastor may be gone for 2 weeks after next Sunday, August 20.
- The meeting between Pastor and Bobby Vandever to review the blessing of baptism did not occur.

Board of Elders Report

- Mission Festival will be held November 26.

Board of Education Report

- There was good turnout for the work day for the school yesterday.
- A projector and laptop have been obtained.
- The ice cream social is tomorrow, August 14.
- The fall term starts at Grace on August 28.
- Enrollment is closed for this fall at 21 students. This is the maximum our school can currently handle with our building and teachers.
- There was much discussion regarding our school in the coming years regarding teacher resources and budget impacts.

Board of Trustees Report

- Siding on two sides of the building is being replaced due to previous storm damage.
- Classroom upgrades are complete.
- The school refrigerator has been replaced.

Other Business

- Budget worksheets will be given to the boards at the next Council meeting.

Adapted from Minutes by Secretary Roger Ochsner

Atlanta Update

From Pastor Frank Gantt ... A little over a month ago, Zion Lutheran Church of the Atlanta area was, by the blessing of God and through a loan from the CEF, able to purchase property that will soon become the permanent location, God willing, of Zion.

The property sits on the far eastern side of the Atlanta metro area, just south of the town of Loganville. On the almost 17 acre property there is a house, sanctuary, and garage that has been converted into a chapel. The property itself is beautiful, though a bit overgrown. The sanctuary is a block building horse barn that has been converted into a sanctuary. There is some renovating that needs to be accomplished before we are able to use it, and with the Lord's blessing, we will be accomplishing that work after the sell of the previous parsonage. In the meantime, the house on the property has a sizeable room that will serve as our temporary sanctuary. ...

We are thankful to God not only for this new opportunity to be faithful witnesses to the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, but also for the generosity of the members of the CLC who have helped to support us for many years, as well as for the guidance of our Mission Board and the Board of Trustees who approved the loan request from the CLC. Please offer prayers of thanksgiving with us and ask that the Lord will bless our witness according to His gracious will and purpose.

Project **KINSHIP** *Update Summer 2017*

God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. Hebrews 6:10 (NIV)

For thirty years, the Lord of the Church has opened many doors and exposed hundreds of opportunities where our church body has been able to improve the quality of life for many in our foreign fields. KINSHIP is the means by which the CLC supports orphans, widows, and students, and provides disaster aid for our foreign fields. Your prayers, sponsorships, and support are requested.

NIGERIA:

The Nigerian government has temporarily closed the NCLC Children's Home due to building code violations. Without repairs, the government could permanently close the orphanage and move ten orphans to other orphanages. Some repairs have been completed; an additional \$2,000 of KINSHIP general funds was approved to finish the necessary repairs. It is our prayer that the Children's Home can be quickly reopened.



New sleeping rooms for the NCLC

BELC/CLCI:

Two more sponsors are needed for BELC students as the class size will be increasing from twenty-three to twenty-five students. Likewise, the incoming class at the CLCI seminary will increase from fifteen to seventeen in June. What a blessing that these two schools have been turning out scores of trained gospel workers in India through the BELC and CLCI.

GIFTS:

KINSHIP continues to provide modest monetary Christmas gifts to each of the orphans, young students, and teachers under our care. Several schools and organizations have sent Christmas cards and gifts; the KINSHIP Committee thanks them for their zeal and kindness. Recently, \$500 was distributed to children in Liberia during a recent mission visitation to that country. Monetary graduation gifts continue to be presented to those who have completed their training at our supported Bible colleges and seminaries. Recently KINSHIP sent \$50 per graduate of the BELC and the CLCI seminary at Nidubrolu. These gifts help the graduates as they begin their lives as trained ambassadors for Christ.

DISASTER RELIEF:

In December, a cyclone caused major destruction and loss of property among our brethren in India. The Board of Missions sent \$6,000 of KINSHIP funds to India to quickly provide disaster aid for this need. CLC members can participate in disaster relief with offerings to the KINSHIP general fund.

TOGO:

Pastor Kossi of the EELC has been very active in Lome' and Valparaiso. Conditional upon KINSHIP support, he is in the process of securing governmental approval for a home orphanage. For this reason, KINSHIP is seeking new sponsors for six orphans; their sponsorship is \$25 per month. Simultaneously, Pastor Kossi is providing assistance for thirty-nine children whose fathers have died, leaving their families with little or no family financial support. These children enjoy a weekly Bible study with Pastor Kossi along with assistance for school uniforms, fees, and a daily meal. KINSHIP has approved \$1,500 a year to help Pastor Kossi with this endeavor. In addition, Pastor Kossi has registered the Mt. Horeb Lutheran Bible Institute with the government and has six students ready to begin classes. KINSHIP is seeking sponsors for these students beginning in July; the cost would be \$30 per month, per student, with a two-year program of studies envisioned.

CONGO:

Over the past year, Pastor Yumba has been working zealously to open and operate a seminary in Lubumbashi. In anticipation that this new seminary will begin this year, KINSHIP has been asked to seek sponsors for ten seminary students at a cost of \$40 per month, per student, with a two-year program envisioned.

OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGE:

The Lord of the Church has challenged us with opportunities to share the love of the Savior with children and students within our foreign mission fields. Thirty (30) new sponsorships are needed for either young men training to be the Lord's gospel ambassadors or for orphans sitting at the feet of Jesus. **Never before has KINSHIP asked for so many new sponsors.** If you have ever considered participating in the sponsorship program, please give this request some thoughtful prayer. Sponsorships range from \$25 to \$50 per month. Sharing this responsibility with a family member or friend is also an option. The Lord promises His delight and gracious reward...what joy there is in serving in the Lord's Kingdom, to the glory of His name, always bearing in mind that *"pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is to visit orphans and widows in their trouble ..."* (James 1:27)

Individuals interested in sponsoring an orphan or seminary student are asked to contact Pastor Dave Fuerstenau 426 Buren Road, Ketchikan, Alaska 99901 (907) 225-2842 email: djfuerstenau@kpunet.net

GRATITUDE/PRAYERS:

The KINSHIP Committee expresses the sincere gratitude of the synod to the many individuals, families, Christian day schools/Sunday schools, and congregations that have and are supporting these many projects in our foreign fields. Your prayers for those we serve and help are much appreciated *"... the effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."* (James 5:16)