

## ✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Eli Wales

Ushers: Benno Sydow; Gary Gunther; Larry Nelson; Bill Rust; Jeff Stifter

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

Church Cleaners: R. Nelson

School: K. Baker

## ✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Benno Sydow; Gary Gunther; Larry Nelson; Bill Rust; Jeff Stifter

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

Church Cleaners: R. Nelson

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## ✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

**Sun., Sept. 15:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:00 am – Worship Service  
11:15 am – Annual Church Picnic (Committee #2 Host)

**Wed., Sept. 18:** CLC Coordinating Council @ Eau Claire, WI  
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class Begins

**Sun., Sept. 22:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:00 am – Worship Service

**Mon., Sept. 23:** 7:00 pm – Grace School Parent Night

**Tue., Sept. 24:** Grace School Field Trip to Wargo Nature Center

**October 1-2:** Minnesota Pastoral Conference @ Mankato, MN

**Sun., Oct. 13:** Mission Festival – Guest Speaker Pastor Michael Eichstadt  
Mission Festival Potluck (Committee #3 Host)

**Oct. 14-18:** NO SCHOOL

**Mon., Oct. 14:** Parent-Teacher Conferences

**October 16-18:** CLC Teachers' Conference @ Fridley, MN

**Wed., Oct. 16:** 7:00 pm – Teachers Conference Worship Service

**Last Week's Stats:** Sept. 8, 2019 Sun.: 92 S.S.: 15 B.Cl.: 39

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,684*	CLC:	\$900	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,000	CLC:	1,000	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-1,316	CLC:	-100	
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$136,952**	CLC:	\$34,183	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	144,000	CLC:	36,000	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-7,048	CLC:	-1,817	
GLC Other:	302	Living Faith:	10	Tuition Aid:	60
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	110	Kinship:	50
ILC Student Aid:	0	ILC Bldg.	100	IIF: 0	CEF: 0

Current Balances: Tuition Aid: \$2,789

\* Includes \$700 in school tuition \*\* Includes \$7,274 year-to-date school tuition

## Grace Lutheran Church & School



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

**Church Year:** Pentecost 14

**Date:** September 15, 2019

## ✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

### Hymns:

TLH 5: Lord, Open Thou My Heart to Hear  
TLH 296: Speak, O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth  
CDS Hymn - TLH 20: God of Mercy, God of Grace  
TLH 366, st. 1-4: One Thing's Needful  
Installation of Sunday School Staff  
TLH 48: How Blest Are They Who Hear God's Word

### Worship Prep:

Psalms 72, TLH p. 138

### Liturgy:

WS, p. 1 (Projected)

### Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 66:18-24  
Hebrews 12:18-24

### Sermon: Luke 10:38-42

<sup>38</sup> Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. <sup>39</sup> And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." <sup>41</sup> And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. <sup>42</sup> "But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her." (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

## Learn the Lost Skill of Listening

## HOW'S YOUR "DEVOTIONAL LIFE"?

The term **"devotional life"** refers to our **personal or private time of prayer, meditation and worship** in our lives. While our "public" worship and meditation on God's Word with others is also deeply personal & heartfelt, there is also a need for daily and regular contact with our heavenly Father and His Word. *Deuteronomy 6:4-9* implies that our faith is so much a part of who we are that it permeates every time and situation in our daily lives. We do not tuck our Sunday faith away in our back pocket during the week. Rather, as we seek to live our lives to His glory, we daily need and seek the nourishment, faith-strengthening, comfort and help provided by God's Word.

One of the **challenges** of meeting our personal spiritual needs is to **find time**. Busy personal and family schedules and the resulting exhaustion often leave little left for devotional time. Yet, finding time for the **"One Thing (Truly) Needful"** (*Luke 10:42*) is vital—both in public worship and in our personal and family lives—and needs to be given **high priority**. Once that heart and mindset is there, suitable times and places will be found—whether it be at family mealtime, bedtime or simply quiet personal time.

Personal and family **devotional materials** are **best suited** to the **age, understanding, level, attention span and circumstances** of those involved. They need not be lengthy—a few minutes may be enough, especially where young children are involved. One of the devotional blessings of recent years is the abundance of **sound Scriptural devotional materials** produced in confessional Lutheran circles—including our own CLC. From toddler to early-childhood Bible Story books to simple family devotion books to youth and adult-oriented materials to those dealing with special life-circumstances, there is something available for everyone. A number of excellent tools and books may be found in our **church library**. Your pastor can also help direct you to appropriate materials and even help facilitate an order for you.

Also **beneficial** is a **study and review of Christian doctrine** through a review or discussion of Luther's Small (or Large) Catechism, Adult Bible Studies and other materials to review and fortify your Scriptural convictions. Above all, let's not forget the **greatest devotional book of all—the Bible itself**, through which the Holy Spirit promises to nurture and fortify our faith. May each of us **spend increased quality personal and family time with your dearest Friend and Savior and His previous Word**—both here in His house and in your hearts and homes. **You will be blessed by it!**

## Council Meeting Notes – September 8, 2019

The meeting was called to order with prayer. August Council meeting minutes were read & approved. August Treasurer's report was presented & approved.

### Pastor's Report

- No report. On vacation.

### Board of Elders Report

- The church picnic is next week, September 15.

### Board of Education Report

- September 23 is Parents' Night. September 24 is a field trip.
- School pictures will be taken soon.
- Housing is still needed for the CLC Teachers' Conference.
- Grace School has 8 students in lower grades & 9 students in upper grades.
- The ILC tuition payment will be made soon.

### Board of Trustees Report

- The City of Fridley has determined that we have a leak in the supply line to our buildings. Bids are being obtained, the first being \$3200.
- Forms for background checks have been distributed.
- Business as usual with maintenance items.

### Other Business

- Remote contribution giving (Direct Bank Giving) was discussed. There are always some recurring fees. A few individuals are currently doing a form of this from their IRAs to Grace. Further discussion and short videos will be considered at the next Council meeting.
- Phil's meetings with banks have led to discussions regarding Key Executives and Account Signers for Grace. Key Executives deal with the existence of bank accounts. Account Signers deal with the funds within the accounts. Thus, the recommendation to the voters has been revised as follows: In order to maintain control and records, the Council recommends that GLC Key Executives and Account Signers be reviewed and appointed by vote during the annual voters meeting.
- An AED can cost from \$1200 to \$2500. They are used for ventricular fibrillation (irregular heartbeat), not heart attack (blockage). There will be further discussion after the Teachers' Conf., when they will get training.
- The church calendar will be reviewed at the next Council meeting.
- Budgets will be discussed at the next Council meeting.
- An Italian meal is being planned during the Teachers' Conference. Motion passed to allow a glass of wine per person to be served at that meal.
- It was determined that we will not transfer Grace's bank accounts from Wells Fargo to another bank because of the effort involved and the availability of bank locations.

Adapted from Minutes Submitted by Secretary Roger Ochsner

## CLC Financial Report - August

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2019	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 2 Months	Balance 8/31/2019
General Fund	0	119,035	172,669	177,150	- 53,634
ILC Operations	0	279,278	224,752	240,680	54,526
<b>Auxiliary Funds</b>					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	138,303	519	2,766		136,056
ILC Building Projects (AC/Dorm)	17,072	3,975	16,000		5,047
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	45,020	14,984	29,539		30,465
Kinship	56,634	9,445	17,336		48,743
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	1,442,490	114,538	11,174		1,545,854
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	50,707	61,782	23,012		89,477
Reserve Fund	278,088	0	0		278,088
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,028,314</b>	<b>\$205,243</b>	<b>\$99,287</b>		<b>\$2,133,730</b>

ILC Building Projects (Academic Center Balance & North Hall)	
Beginning Balance November 1, 2017	\$1,460,931
Current Balance August 31, 2019	\$1,193,550
Principal paid to date	<b>\$267,381</b>

**General Fund** – Offerings this month were \$65,361 vs disbursements of \$73,419, a shortfall of \$8,058 added to last month's deficit balance. **The budgets of the Trustees, Regents, Missions, and Ed & Publications count on their major funding from CLC General Fund offerings.**

**ILC Operations**– ILC August revenue was \$206,807 (\$158.9 from student payments, plus \$44.8 from CLC subsidy) vs disbursements of \$114,405. This revenue helped cover the July ILC deficit.

**ILC Building Projects** – Offerings were \$2,800 vs a disbursement of \$8,000 for the AC/North Hall monthly loan payment. The account needs about \$3,000 to cover the next monthly loan payment.

**CEF** – August revenue was \$39,450 (mostly from CEF congregational loan repayments), vs disbursements of \$7,621 for CEF debt service & other administration expenses.

**MDF** – Offerings were \$11,240 vs disbursements of \$13,681, including \$10,000 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> & final installment for Congo Bible School construction, with the balance for Africa exploratory & bicycles.

**SAF** – Revenue of \$5,428 (incl \$3,700 STU loan repayments) vs disbursements of \$12,560 for grants of student loans, grants, & scholarships.

**Kinship** – Offerings of \$4,123 vs disbursements of \$2,096, for widows & orphans.

**PMPE** – The ILC "Preparing for Ministry Program benefits college & seminary students preparing for the CLC preaching & teaching ministries. The Endowment part (PMPE) of the program receives offerings for the invested Endowment "core," with its annual earnings Granted to ministry students' accounts each year (PMPG). The PMP recently received a congregational gift of \$115,000 for the Endowment core. This congregation also sent a gift of \$15,000 to apply directly to the school accounts of ILC students enrolled in this year's pastor or teacher program. *How marvelous are Your works, O Lord!*

*James E. Sandeen, CLC Treasurer / Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees*

## ✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ♦ **Church Picnic:** Today is the annual church picnic here on the church grounds following our worship service. All members are invited to attend and join in the fellowship. Committee #2 will serve and cleanup, though additional help would be appreciated.



- ♦ **CLC Teachers Conference:** October 16-18, Grace will be hosting the CLC Teachers Conference. There will be about 50 teachers from our CLC congregational schools. Grace will need to provide housing for approximately 15 teachers. There is a sign-up sheet by the guest book. See Heidi Nelson with questions. As to funding for this conference, our treasurer reports that we have met our goal with a balance of \$1,304.



- ♦ **Helping Out with Conference:** The combined Dorcas Guild committees will be serving meals and providing specific items for various times during the conference. You are encouraged to fill in your name where you can help to make this a memorable event for the teachers. The sign-up sheet is posted in the fellowship hall. Contact Norma Rust for more specific information.

- ♦ **Teachers Conference Worship Service:**

During the Teachers Conference there will be a worship service here at Grace on Wed., Oct. 16, 7 pm. The congregation is strongly encouraged to attend as a way to meet the teachers and to show congregational support for our connections within our church body.



- ♦ **Tuition Aid Fund:** This year Grace has two member students attending Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire: D. Hein and N. Story. At the end of September the balance of the Tuition Aid Fund is distributed to the students toward their tuition. In that some members like to know the total billing for the semester's tuition, for the two students it will be \$3,700.

- ♦ **Fleischer Book:** A sequel to Rev. Daniel Fleischer's "Standing on the Wall" is getting ready for publication: "Christ--No Other Foundation." Please speak with him so that he can get an idea of how many books you may want. The price will likely be \$15.00 per book (373 pages) with a target date for release by Reformation.

♦ **Mission Festival:** Mission Festival here at Grace Lutheran will be on Sunday, October 13. Pastor Michael Eichstadt from Messiah Lutheran in Hales Corners, WI (Milwaukee area) will be our guest speaker. Pastor Eichstadt is also the CLC President. He will also have a presentation during our Bible Class hour. Dorcas Guild Committee #3 will host. Please bring a dish to share as there will be a potluck meal.



♦ **Joint Mission Festival Service:** Historically, the Minnesota Conference has hosted a Reformation service every other year (2016, 2018, etc). This service would rotate between Berea Lutheran in Inver Grove Heights and Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato. At the pastoral study club in September it was suggested and decided (with the blessing of the Delegate Conference Chairman and Conference Visitor) to hold a Joint Mission Festival at Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN, on October 20 at 4 pm. The intent is to annually rotate a Joint Mission Festival with the Joint Reformation Service. This will keep the same number of Reformation services as there have been historically and now include an emphasis on the mission work of our synod. A meal will be served following the service in Mankato. Please bring a dessert or side to share. More details regarding the service will be announced soon.

♦ **Spain Student Trip:** A trip is being planned to Spain with a stopover in Portuguese Azores Islands. Potential dates May 27-June 10, 2020. Cost \$3000-\$3200 per person. CLC high school and college students have priority (they do not have to be attending ILHS or ILC). Anyone else who would like to tag along please let us know ASAP so that we can put you on the consideration list. Be aware, this is an active itinerary for students!! Deadline to sign up is Sept. 30. Sooner is better. Contact Paula Stelter askpaula@poinsettiatravel.com or Joel Gullerud at joel.gullerud@ilc.edu for more information or to receive an itinerary flyer.

♦ **ILC Chapel Talks:** If you have a smart speaker device in your home, you can now use it to listen to morning chapel services from Immanuel Lutheran College. For Amazon Echo, first enable the Stitcher skill, then say, "Alexa, ask Stitcher to play Morning Chapels from ILC." For Google Home, simply say "Hey Google, play the most recent episode of Morning Chapels from ILC." They can also be accessed from many popular podcast apps, including Apple Podcast, Google Podcast, and Spotify.



♦ **Volunteers at ILC:** The Immanuel Professorage Committee (IPC) is calling for volunteers in Sept. and Oct. Prof. and Mrs. Sullivan have moved out of the professorsage on campus to a home in town. This allows the house to get a rework and be ready June 1 for the new professor. IPC would like to get soffit and fascia, new windows and siding done this fall. If we could finish the exterior before the cold comes, we can use the winter months to rework the interior (kitchen and bathroom remodel, new floor covering, paint and other repairs). Students from Immanuel's "Leave It Better" group will be helping out starting Sept. 20. We can sure use workers with all levels of skill. To volunteer that weekend or any other times or for more info., please call Pastor Tiefel at 715-829-2000.

♦ **CLC News:** Pastor Delwyn Maas of Gift of God Lutheran in Mapleton, ND, has returned the call from Trinity Lutheran in Spokane, WA. † Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Ev. Lutheran in the Atlanta area has returned the call to Bethel Lutheran in Morris, MN. † Pastor Tim Daub of Prince of Peace Lutheran in Hecla, SD, has accepted the call to serve as vacancy pastor of the dual-parish of Zion Lutheran in Ipswich, SD, and Redeemer Lutheran in Bowdle, SD, effective Sept. 29. † Teacher Brandan Heinze of Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN, has received the call to serve as Principal of its school. † After prayerful consideration, the voters of Living Word Lutheran of Blue Springs, MO (Kansas City area), have made the decision to cease operations at the end of the year. Prayers for the group are requested. For service times and locations until then, please contact Pastor Tim Wheaton at tbwheaton@clclutheran.com or by phone at (816) 490-0215. † CLC boards meet in Eau Claire this week (Sept. 16-17) and the Coordinating Council on Wed., Sep. 18. † The Call Committee for Educational Institutions will meet on Tue., Sep. 17, to call a professor for the vacancy which will occur with the retirement of Prof. Paul Sullivan.

♦ **Suspension:** In February of this year, Pastor Roland Gurgel resigned his membership in the CLC and under his direction Bethel congregation (Houston area) dissolved. This was the sad culmination of many months of efforts on the part of the conference visitor and others to address Pastor Gurgel's lack of spiritual concern and care for the souls entrusted to him. Pastor Gurgel subsequently moved to Weslaco, TX, where our sister congregation, Shepherd of the Valley is located. I have learned that in spite of the strongest pleas to both Pastor Gurgel and the congregation not to proceed, he was installed as pastor of Shepherd of the Valley on August 17. Therefore the CLC presidium has informed Shepherd of the Valley that because of this action, the congregation has been suspended from membership in the CLC. It is our ongoing prayer that through the Spirit's work, reconciliation and restoration of God-pleasing fellowship may be brought about. – CLC President, Pastor Michael Eichstadt.

♦ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #1 – Books of the Bible