

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Date: April 7, 2024

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 202: Welcome, Happy Morning!

TLH 331: Yea, as I Live, Jehovah Saith

TLH 208, st. 1-4,8-10: Ye Sons & Daughters of the King

Communion: TLH 206

TLH 207, st. 6: Like the Golden Sun Ascending

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalms 16, TLH p. 125

Liturgy:

TLH, p. 15 (Communion)

Gloria: TLH 199:4

Scripture Readings:

Acts 3:12-20

1 John 5:1-6

Sermon: John 20:19-23

¹⁹ Then, the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace *be* with you." ²⁰ When He had said this, He showed them *His* hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." ²² And when He had said this, He breathed on *them*, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the *sins* of any, they are retained." NKJVTM)

**Our Privilege & Responsibility to
Use the Ministry of the Keys!**

✝ ***THE ANNOUNCEMENTS*** ✝

- ➔ **Kindergarten:** Children entering Kindergarten next fall are invited to Kindergarten Round Up in Mr. Schaller's classroom on Friday, April 26, 8 am-12:30 pm. Talk to Mr. Schaller for more details and to RSVP.
- ➔ **ILHS Visitors' Day:** Students in grades 7-11 are invited to attend Immanuel Lutheran High School Visitors' Day in Eau Claire, WI, on Fri., April 26. A theater performance of *The Crazy Cowgirls* of Pemberley Ranch (an adaptation of *Pride and Prejudice*) will take place on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm. Friday night's play performance will be livestreamed (but not recorded) at youtube.com/@ilcvideos. The Immanuel Band will perform before the play on Friday at 7:00 pm, and student talent performances will take place Saturday at 7:00 pm. Performances are free and open to the public. Those interested, please speak with Pastor Hein as he needs to register by April 19. Info.: www.ilc.edu.
- ➔ **Financial Aid Applications:** Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary has a financial aid program that helps students to attend by assisting with loans, multi-student grants, individual student grants, scholarships, and work study. All students are encouraged to submit an application. While the scholarships are automatically applied based upon academic performance, the other aids are provided upon application made by the responsible party. In order to be as helpful and as equitable to all, these forms need to be submitted by the deadline which is May 1, 2024, for the 2024-25 academic year. If any potential student is showing any interest in attending Immanuel, applying now ensures that you will be considered for financial assistance. While applications have already been provided to the families of current students, you may still find them at ilc.edu/resources/ under the heading "Financial Assistance Forms & Info."
- ➔ **Retirement Gift:** Professor Mark Kranz has announced his retirement effective at the end of the current academic year. His faithful service to our church and our school will be acknowledged during the ILC Class Day/Graduation festivities on May 17-18. Our custom is to present a monetary gift as a token of our appreciation. CLC members are invited to contribute to this gift which will be presented to him at Graduation (May 18). Please make your checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran College and indicate: "Prof. Kranz Retirement." Send your gift to: Immanuel Lutheran College, 501 Grover Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701.

- ➔ **After Banquet Party:** Parents of Immanuel Lutheran High School students are presently working on this year's After Banquet Party to be held Saturday May 4, 2024 in Eau Claire, WI. If you would like to donate gift cards or prizes, that would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions regarding prizes and/or donations, please contact: Jennifer Radermacher, imjenrad44@gmail.com or Jen LeDuc, jenleduc04@gmail.com. Monetary donations may be sent to: ILC After-Banquet Committee, c/o Immanuel Lutheran College, 501 Grover Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701. Thank you for considering!
- ➔ **Prof. David Lau Funeral:** The funeral service for David Lau will take place at Messiah Lutheran Church (Eau Claire, WI) on Saturday, April 13, visitation at 10 am with the funeral service at 11 am and a luncheon afterward. Letters of comfort for wife Susan Lau or the family may be sent care of Joe Lau, 511 Ingram Drive, Eau Claire, WI 54701. Memorials in David's name can be given to Morning Star Lutheran Church, PO Box 22, Fairchild, WI, 54741.
- ➔ **CLC News:** Pastor Nathanael Mayhew of Grace Ev. Lutheran in Sleepy Eye, MN, and Faith Lutheran in New Ulm, MN, has accepted the call from Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN. † Teacher Katie Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran in Winter Haven, FL, has received the call to Luther Memorial in Fond du Lac, WI. † Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ, has returned the call to Berea Lutheran in Inver Grove Heights, MN. † St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran of Iron River, MI, and Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI, have requested a seminary graduate to serve both congregations under a joint call. † The Call Committee meets the evening of Wednesday, April 10. This year's graduate from Immanuel Lutheran Seminary is Paul Agenten.
- ➔ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #23 – Baptism, Parts 1 & 2

Last Week's Stats: Mar. 31, 2024		Sun.: 102	S.S.: NA	B.Cl.: NA
Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$5,507	CLC:	\$1,805
Weekly Need (est.):	Grace:	4,900	CLC:	1,135
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+607	CLC:	+670
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$66,542	CLC:	\$16,680
Year-to-Date Need (est.):	Grace:	63,700	CLC:	14,755
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+2,842	CLC:	+1,925
GLC Other: 210	Living Faith: 0	Tuition Aid: 75	Sanctuary: 25	
SAF Endowment: 0	MDF: 0	Kinship: 110	EduK8: 0	
ILC Student Aid: 0	ILC Bldg. 100	IIF: 0	CEF: 0	
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid:	\$602	Sanctuary:	\$2,550

CLC E-Devotion – April 20, 2023

John 20:19-31 (v. 21-23). So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

THE CHURCH'S MINISTRY: FORGIVING AND RETAINING SINS

The risen Savior's commission to His disciples here is often called "The Ministry of the Keys". It is so-called because Jesus called it that when He said to Peter (as a representative of all believers): "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven" (Matthew 16:19).

A quote we saw: "The Ministry of the Keys is almost universally misunderstood." Yes, many—even among our Christian people—have a hard time understanding what the risen Lord here teaches. We can only touch on a thing or two here.

Most bothersome to many about this Bible teaching is that, as they say, "God alone has the right to forgive or not to forgive sins." In one sense, of course, that is very true. Yet what Jesus is saying in this text—and Luther too in his Catechism—is not-at-all meant to usurp God's authority! Instead, whether speaking of the loosing key or the binding key, what Jesus is doing is giving His Church of believers the solemn commission and responsibility to ratify on Earth what God has already decreed in heaven!

Penitent sinners are forgiven by God in heaven, and that's what is being said when forgiveness is announced to sinners who are sorry for their sins.

Impenitent sinners are not forgiven by God in heaven, and that's what is being said when an individual Christian, or congregation thereof, uses the binding key.

This Law-Gospel distinction is the heart and core of faithful preaching and teaching. May our conduct and voice as Christ-believers reveal His commitment to reveal sins in order to reveal sins forgiven in Him!

"So truly as I live," God saith,
"I would not have the sinner's death,
But that he turn from error's way,
Repent, and live through endless days."

"What ye shall bind, that bound shall be;
What ye shall loose, that shall be free;
Unto My Church the keys are giv'n
To ope and close the gates of heav'n."

(Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary, 417:1, 4)

CLC Financial Report - March

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2023	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 9 Months	Balance 3/31/2024
General Fund	0	865,251	881,457	893,700	(16,206)
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	1,349,824	1,209,222	1,228,500	140,602
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	133,349	63,984	69,639		127,694
ILC Building Projects	1,279,816	313,707	65,536		1,527,987
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	95,621	201,444	146,056		151,009
Kinship	168,286	137,163	139,648		165,801
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	2,323,176	886,758	467,419		2,742,515
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	145,399	81,077	147,593		78,883
Reserve Fund	95,555	4,326	0		99,881
Auxiliary Funds Totals	\$4,241,202	\$1,688,459	\$1,035,891		\$4,893,770

General Fund – March receipts: **\$99,515 VS** disbursements: **\$107,596**. The General Fund subsidizes the work of the Boards of Missions, Trustees, EdPub, & Regents (including ILC.)

ILC Operations – March receipts: **\$116,132 VS** disbursements: **\$151,018**.

IIF – March receipts: **\$3,201 VS** disbursements: **None**.

ILC Building Projects – March receipts: **\$42,799** (including a \$39,126 increase in market value of investments) **VS** disbursements: **None**.

MDF – March receipts: **\$44,520** (including \$26,000 from Mission Helper participants) **VS** disbursements: **\$17,781**.

Kinship – March receipts: **\$20,294 VS** disbursements: **\$18,657**.

CEF – March receipts: **\$103,316** (including a \$75,129 increase in market value of investments) **VS** disbursements: **\$41,570** (mostly payments on member loans to the CEF).

SAF – March receipts: **\$34,788** (mostly loans paid off) **VS** disbursements: **\$10,506** (including student loans, grants, scholarships and tuition assistance).

Reserve Fund is currently invested in a money market account until needed, typically each fiscal year-end.

EduK8 Fund – March receipts: **\$360**. Balance **\$43,385**.

Stephen R. Lentz, CLC Treasurer

Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: **Jan Davis**

Elder: **Frank Radichel**

Ushers: **Eli Wales; Alex Baker; Kevin Baker; Dan Kelley; Ryan Oman; Bob Vandever; Uriah Wales**

Counting Team 3: **Duane Enns; Tom Graham; Kevin Hulke; Dan Degnan; Benno Sydow**

Hospitality Team 1: **Dan & Cindy Degnan; Larry Nelson; Barb Sydow**

Church Cleaners: **Nelson**

School: **Oman**

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: **Al Rosendahl; Kyle Aymond; Kevin Hulke; Jack Maki; John Maki; Keith Radichel; Grant Wells**

Counting Team 4: **Gary Gunther; Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust**

Church Cleaners: **Nelson**

School: **Rinne**

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

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| Sun., Apr. 7: | 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship w/Lord's Supper (Easter 2)
11:00 am – Hospitality (Team 1) |
| Wed., Apr. 10: | CLC Coordinating Council (Eau Claire, WI)
4:30-6:15 pm – Catechism for Public School Students |
| Sun., Apr. 14: | 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship (Easter 3)
12:00 pm – Council Meeting |
| Sun., Apr. 21: | 11:30 am – Voters & Dorcas Guild Meetings |
| April 22-26: | Grace School – Iowa Basic Tests |
| Fri., Apr. 26: | Grace School's Kindergarten Roundup
Immanuel Lutheran H.S. Visitors' Day @ Eau Claire, WI |
| Apr. 26 & 27: | 7:00 pm – ILHS Band (Fri.) & Student Performances (Sat.)
7:30 pm – ILC Play, "The Crazy Cowgirls of Pemberley Ranch" |
| Sat., Apr. 27: | 9:00 am – Grace Work Day |
| Thu., May 9: | 7:00 pm – Ascension Day Worship |
| Fri., May 10: | Field Day @ Inver Grove Hts. (Grades 5-8) (K-4 No School) |
| Fri., May 17: | 3:00 pm – Immanuel Class Day @ ILC Fieldhouse
7:30 pm – Immanuel Spring Concert @ Messiah Lutheran |
| Sat., May 18: | 10:00 am – Immanuel Graduation Service @ ILC Fieldhouse |
| Sun., May 19: | Grace Confirmation Day (Pentecost) |
| Thu., May 23: | 7:00 pm – Grace School's Spring Program |
| Fri., May 24: | 12:00 pm – Grace School Dismissal for Summer |
| Sun., May 26: | 9:00 am – Worship (Summer Schedule Begins, Grace Graduation) |
| Sat., June 8: | 10:00 am – Minnesota Delegate Conference (Fridley, MN) |
| June 20-23: | CLC Convention (Eau Claire, WI) |
| July 22-26: | 9:00-11:30 am – Vacation Bible School |

