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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 2

Date: June 10, 2012

✠ THE ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

Worship Preparation: Psalm 28, TLH p. 129

Hymn: WS 746: Father Most Holy, Merciful and Tender

Liturgy: TLH, p. 5 ff. (Also available on laminated sheet in pew)

Introit (followed by Gloria Patri, The Kyrie): TLH, pp. 6-7

P: I will extol the Lord at all times, His praise will always be on my lips.

C: My soul will boast in the Lord, let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

P: Glorify the Lord with me;

C: Let us exalt His name together.

P: I sought the Lord, and He answered me;

C: He delivered me from all my fears.

P: The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them;

C: He delivers them from all their troubles. Glory be to God!

Gloria in Excelsis: TLH 39, st. 1, 5

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is Thy Health and Salvation!

Join the full throng:

Wake, harp and psalter and song;

Sound forth in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!

Let the Amen

Sound from His people again;

Gladly for aye we adore Him.

First Reading: Psalm 28

Relying on the LORD as our Rock, we may rejoice in answered prayer.

Gradual:

P: These are they who have come out of the great tribulation;

C: They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

P: Blessed are those whose strength is in you,

C: Who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. This is the Lord, we trusted in Him;

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation. Alleluia.

Second Reading: Matthew 7:7-11

Jesus invites His believers to pray, promising that He will answer.

Confession of Faith: Apostolic Creed, TLH p. 12

Hymn: TLH 456: Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat

Sermon: Philippians 4:6

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ...

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Offertory: TLH p. 12 f.

Hymn: TLH 457: What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Offering, Prayers, Benediction: TLH p. 14

Hymn: TLH 24: Lord of My Life, Whose Tender Care

Martin Luther: Many Things Hinder Prayer:

When I would speak and pray to God by myself, a hundred thousand hindrances at once intervene before I get at it. Then the devil can throw all sorts of reasons for delay into my path; he can block and hinder me on all sides; as a result, I go my way and never think of it again. Let him who has not experienced this only try it. Resolve to pray earnestly and no doubt you will see how large an assortment of your own thoughts will rush in on you and distract you, so that you cannot begin aright. ... Accordingly, you think no more of praying throughout the day, and so you go on from one day to another, rushed and hindered by other business. This comes close to being the commonest hindrance and is a very back trick and device of the devil, which he often plays on me and on others. Besides, he finds his advantage in our flesh and blood, because these are lazy and cold to begin with. Therefore we cannot pray as we ourselves should like to, and though we may begin, we soon flutter away with foreign, worthless thoughts and so lose the prayer.

✠ *THE ANNOUNCEMENTS* ✠

- ◆ **Christian Education:** With the decreasing interest in Christian education by our society, it's a good time to review its vital role in our spiritual development. Many Christian parents are influenced by this and can neglect its importance for their children, valuing the things of this world instead (sports, worldly self-esteem, music, etc). Over the summer there will be a bulletin article series on Christian Education that was written by sainted Pastor P.F. Nolting many, many years ago.
- ◆ **Among Us:** Elnora Smith is hospitalized in Sioux Falls after falling and breaking two ribs. She had been in the area with family and will be receiving care there temporarily for the unseen future. The doctors also discovered that she has neuropathy which has been causing some of her falls. Please keep our sister in Christ in your prayers!
- ◆ **Lutheran Spokesman:** This publication by the CLC is dedicated to sharing rich, devotional messages for our spiritual edification. There is a sign-up sheet located by the guest book.
- ◆ **Vacation Bible School:** This is scheduled for August 6-10. We are currently seeking volunteers to help teach classes and coordinate craft projects. Those interested may speak with Pastor. A registration sheet on the narthex table is for those children who will be attending.
- ◆ **ILC Volunteers:** The Immanuel Professorage Committee is organizing work projects again this summer. These efforts are getting long-delayed fix-ups done at a considerable savings to our fellowship. There is a need for a wide range of talents. The target dates are June 15-17 and June 21-23, before and after Convention. For more details, please speak to the pastor.
- ◆ **Immanuel Boosters:** The Immanuel Booster Club annually works at the Country Jam near Eau Claire, WI, in order to raise money for some extra athletic projects at Immanuel. They are seeking volunteers to help with some low-profile ushering/security for July 19-21. If you are willing to help, please email Tom Beekman at Thomas.Beekman@dot.wi.gov.
- ◆ **Immanuel Athletics:** Three camps are now planned for this summer:
 - ⇒ Boys Basketball – June 8-10; Grades 5-12; \$30
 - ⇒ Girls Basketball – June 29-July 1; Grades 5-12; \$30
 - ⇒ Girls Volleyball – July 22-25; Grades 9-12; \$35Details are found at www.ilc.edu.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Joshua Ohlmann has accepted the call to teach part time at Messiah in Eau Claire, WI. ✠ Living Hope Lutheran in Appleton, WI, has called Pastor Michael Schierenbeck, currently a member at Faith in Markesan, WI. Pastor Schierenbeck previously had to leave the ministry due to health issues. ✠ Pastor Andrew Schaller of Trinity in Watertown, SD, has returned the call from the CLC Board of Missions to serve as foreign missionary.

~The life benefits of regular church attendance~

Gleanings from real research by Neil MacQueen

What if I told you there was a well-researched and statistically proven program that on average can:

- ⇒ increase the average life expectancy of your children by 8 years
- ⇒ significantly reduce your child's use and risk from Alcohol, Tobacco & Drugs
- ⇒ dramatically lower their risk of suicide
- ⇒ help them rebound from depression 70% faster
- ⇒ dramatically reduce their risk for committing a crime
- ⇒ improve their attitude at school and increase their school participation
- ⇒ reduce their risk for rebelliousness
- ⇒ reduce the likelihood that they would binge drink in college
- ⇒ improve their odds for a "very happy" life
- ⇒ provide them with a life-long moral compass
- ⇒ provide children with a caring extended family
- ⇒ get them to wear their seatbelts more often
- ⇒ **and will also statistically improve the odds that they will lead an active church life in their adults years**

Is there such a program? YES, there is.

.... And it is supported by research from Duke University, Indiana University, The University of Michigan, The Center for Disease Control, Barna Research Group, Gallup, Pew, and the National Institute for Healthcare Research, and several national surveys.

How much would a program like this be worth to you?

What if I told you it was free, and only took about 2 hours a week?

Would you be interested?

The program is called "active church participation."

In study, after study, after study, children who actively engage in a faith community on a regular basis are rewarded with SIGNIFICANTLY reduced likelihood of life problems and risky behaviors, and stand to significantly improve their odds of a happier, healthier, and longer life. These studies show the same results for adults as well.

In addition, numerous surveys, including the latest 2009 Survey by the Barna Research Group, continue to show a strong statistical connection between being active in the church as a child and staying active as an adult. ...

But here's the thing... To increase the odds of your children receiving these results, you can't wait. According to a Barna Research Group study, **if a child is not regularly active by the age of 12**, the odds of them getting active DROPS DRAMATICALLY in their teen years and beyond. Indeed, Barna's research indicates that adults who attended church regularly as *children* -are nearly three times as likely to be attending a church today as their peers who avoided church during childhood (61% to 22%, respectively). In other words, parents who truly want the best for their children should get their children involved at church now and regularly. The old proverb was right on: "Raise up a child in the way they should go," and the odds are they won't depart from it.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Part 1

DEFINITION: Before beginning the discussion of any subject it is of utmost importance to define the terms one intends to use. Otherwise there is the danger that writer and reader fail to communicate with each other. The

writer may have one thing in mind while the reader finds different concepts coming to his mind as he reads the words of the writer. In conservative Lutheran circles Christian education is a common term. Yet it may be that many people who use the term or are exposed to it have but a vague and foggy notion of what precisely is meant by “Christian Education.”

DEFINITION — EDUCATION: Many people tend to equate schooling with education. “He’s had a good education” for the most part means he’s gone to high school and some college or university. If one continues along this line, education comes to mean buildings, buses, equipment, personnel of all kinds. In the popular mind the means by which education may be achieved or hindered may well be confused with education itself.

Education should be thought of as a line, not a point — not an event, but a process. It’s a developing process that involves the body, the mind, the emotions, the will, and the spirit of the person. It’s a process that begins at birth and continues till death — being conditioned by an environment existing at birth and changing throughout life. So it is that education begins before school years and continues after. Every event that occurs in the life of an individual creates an impression that becomes part of that individual’s education. Every person encountered likewise makes an imprint. Whether education is thought of as secular or Christian, spiritual forces likewise exert themselves for better or for worse upon the individual. This means, then, that wherever you are or whatever you are doing or experiencing — you are being educated. In its broadest sense education involves and embraces the whole of life with every vibration of it.

DEFINITION — CHRISTIAN: Here is where the road divides into a maze of passageways leading in circles or to dead ends. For many, “Christian” education means imprinting the morals of the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount into the character of the individual. For others, “Christian” is a cultural word that brings to mind religious architecture, art, music, and literature. “Christian” education then becomes a process of acquainting the student with these values. For still others “Christian” becomes almost a political term equated with “democratic” in contrast to totalitarian or communistic.

The adjective “Christian” has as its root Christ, who was and is an historic person. But He is a Person unlike any other historic person. He is the eternal Son of God made flesh. The moment we say that we are giving “Christian” education an eternal dimension, it becomes a process of developing not only for time but also for eternity. When we add that this Christ received the personal name Jesus, “*for He shall save His people from their sins,*” we are saying that the basic problem of education is a spiritual problem. Its basic aim is not the acquiring of information, knowledge, and skills to increase ones earning power in this life. But its basic aim is to attack and overcome the unavoidable problem that confronts each individual by reason of his conception and birth — the problem of Adam’s sin which becomes fact and reality in every one’s sinful nature and natural bondage to sin. This immediately indicates that “Christian” education is primarily concerned with spiritual matters. This, in turn, reveals that the Holy Spirit is the Educator in the process of Christian education, while all Christian parents, pastors, and teachers are but instruments in His hand.

Accordingly, one could say that the aim of Christian education is to make Christ unto each person “*wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption*” 1 Cor. 1:30. To express it otherwise — to achieve this, that each person can say with Paul: “*I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me*” Gal. 2:20. Christian education is the process of Christ taking over in one’s life.

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Ed Lentz

Ushers: Larry Brandt, Roger Brandt, Charles Davis, Nick Duehlmeier, Dale Enns, Lynn & Ned Sandhoefner

Counting Team 2: Gary Gunther; Bill Rust; Bob Vandever; Clint Welker; Mark Wales

Church Cleaners: Nelson/Kitzman

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Larry Brandt, Roger Brandt, Charles Davis, Nick Duehlmeier, Dale Enns, Lynn & Ned Sandhoefner

Counting Team 3: Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Jack Kirkham; Benno Sydow; Brandt Wendland

Church Cleaners: Nelson/Kitzman

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., June 10: 9:00 am – Worship Service
 11:00 am – Council Meeting
 3:00 pm – MN Delegate Conference @ Inver Grove Hts.

Sun., June 17: 9:00 am – Worship Service
June 18-21: CLC Convention @ Eau Claire, WI

August 6-10: Vacation Bible School

August 20: ILC School Year Begins

August 27: Grace School Year Begins

Last Week's Stats: June 3, 2012 Sun.: 125

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,029.75	CLC:	\$929.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,030.00	CLC:	960.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-0.25	CLC:	-31.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$64,692.21	CLC:	\$21,410.00
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	66,660.00	CLC:	22,080.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-4,997.79	CLC:	-670.00
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	5.00	Tuition Aid:	155.00
GLC Other:	MDF:	130.00	Kinship:	55.00
ILC Student Aid:	ILC Bldg.	120.00	IIF:	5.00
			CEF:	5.00

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

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*do not be anxious about anything,
 but in everything by prayer ...
 with thanksgiving present your
 requests to God.
 Philippians 4:6*

