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✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Janelle Hein Elder: Brandt Wendland
Ushers: Paul Lentz, Brad Kitzman, Rick Nelson, Keith Radichel,
 Bob Vandev eer, Bobby Vandev eer, Matt Vandev eer
Counting Team 2: Gary Gunther; Bill Rust; Bob Vandev eer;
 Clint Welker; Mark Wales
Church Cleaners: R. & H. Nelson

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Benno Sydow, Gary Gunther, Larry Nelson, Jacob
 Rhinesmith, Rich Rhinesmith, Jeff Stifter
Counting Team 3: Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Jack
 Kirkham; Benno Sydow; Brandt Wendland
Church Cleaners: R. & H. Nelson

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., July 6: 9:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord’s Supper
Sun., July 13: 9:00 am –Worship Service
 11:00 am – Council Meeting
Mon., July 14: 10:00 am – TVBS Flyer Distribution
Sun., July 20: 10:15 am – Voters and Dorcas Guild Meetings
August 4-8: Vacation Bible School

Last Week’s Stats: June 29, 2014 Sun.: 124

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,398.25	CLC:	\$1,300.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,200.00	CLC:	1,040.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+198.25	CLC:	+260.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$83,973.04	CLC:	\$25,850.75
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	83,200.00	CLC:	27,040.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+773.04	CLC:	-1,189.25
GLC Other: 0.00	Living Faith: 0.00	Tuition Aid: 0.00		
SAF Endowment: 130.00*	MDF: 0.00	Kinship: 50.00		
ILC Student Aid: 0.00	ILC Bldg. 130.00	IIF: 10.00	CEF: 0.00	
Current Balances:	Projection: +160.32	Tuition Aid: +4,559.42		

* Bev Wales Memorial \$80

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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I bore you on eagles’ wings
 and brought you to Myself ...

Exodus 19:4



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Church Year: Pentecost 4

Date: July 6, 2014

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 40: The God of Abraham Praise
WS 750: See This Wonder in the Making
LSB 727: On Eagles' Wings
TLH 577: God Bless Our Native Land
TLH 50: Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing
Baptism: Cecelia Baker

Worship Prep:

Psalm 103, TLH p. 145 f.

Liturgy:

WS, p. 12 (communion)

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 40:26-31
Psalm 103:1-5

Sermon: Exodus 19:1-6

(1) In the third month after the children of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on the same day, they came to the Wilderness of Sinai. (2) For they had departed from Rephidim, had come to the Wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness. So Israel camped there before the mountain. (3) And Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel: (4) 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself. (5) 'Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. (6) 'And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel." (NKJVTM)

I Bore You on Eagles' Wings

Follow Sermon with TLH 39, st. 2

CLC E-Devotion – Wednesday, June 25, 2014

Mark 2:17 When Jesus heard it, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

CHURCH IS A HOSPITAL FOR SINNERS, NOT A MUSEUM FOR SAINTS

I once heard someone remark that it's very fitting that many churches have cemeteries since so many Christians act like hypocrites and have a dead faith. In this person's mind, the Christian faith is nothing, much like a lifeless body after death. While I don't agree with his thought, I suppose it could often seem like faith in Christ means nothing when you see the way Christians act at times. Christians are often scrutinized for their faith since they should know better, and since many people simply look at Christianity as a moral guideline for holy living.

Because of this sentiment, many view church like a museum for saints -- as a place where Christians sit around and applaud each other while disdaining those outside the faith. As strange as this attitude may sound, it can be very easy to adopt without even realizing it. And if this is how people view church, it's no wonder that they would also assume that faith in Christ is a dead thing.

Jesus made it clear that Christianity is not about exalting ourselves at the expense of others. Not only did He speak at length about hypocrisy (see Matthew chapters 6, 15, and 23), He also stated in our verse for today that He came expressly for sinners. If someone doesn't believe that he is sinful, then he also does not have faith in Jesus. Those who believe they are righteous on their own will certainly try to make it heaven that way, but here is no room for Christ in such a heart. As John wrote, we confess our sins and God stands ready to forgive (1 John 1:8-9).

Church must be a place to confess sins and receive God's forgiveness. If church becomes nothing more than a social club to hang out with people that are similar to us, it will become a museum for saints. A museum remains the same. It is a stagnant reminder of the past and the hopes and dreams of dead men. May our churches never become such a place! A hospital, on the other hand, is a place of activity and healing. A hospital can help people today and prepare them for the future. A hospital does not ignore the disease, but actively fights it. May our churches always be spiritual hospitals in the wasteland of this sinful earth, fighting sin and wickedness and renewing with the healing message of sin forgiven through Christ!

✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Congratulations:** To Cecelia Baker for her rebirth in Holy Baptism!
- ◆ **VBS Flyers:** Next Monday, July 14, there will be a flyer team from the CLC's Traveling Vacation Bible School program. The group of six is coming from Eau Claire, WI. We would certainly invite willing volunteers from the congregation to help advertise our VBS during the day. We expect to get started around 10 am (would need to be here before then) and would distribute flyers until late afternoon.
- ◆ **Request:** A request was received to house a French teenage boy from August 2 to 22. If anyone is interested, please ask Pastor.
- ◆ **Invitation:** Trinity Lutheran Church of Spokane, WA, will have a special service of thanksgiving for 70 years of grace on August 3. Previous pastors at Trinity, Prof. Paul Schaller and Pastor Terrel Kesterson, will be guest speakers. Service time will be at 3:30 with a meal to follow. Please contact Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer for further information – 509-327-4203.
- ◆ **Tragedy in Colorado:** On Monday of this past week Scott Schiermeister, the pastor of our CLC congregation in Loveland, CO, died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. The circumstances of the incident leave it unclear whether or not his rational intent was to take his own life. He leaves behind his wife, Peggy, two young children, and a grieving congregation. Peggy and the children will be moving to Bismarck, ND, to live with relatives. A fund is being set up to help the family, since they have little with which to support themselves. Contributions to this fund, as well as expressions of sympathy and encouragement, may be sent to St. Paul Lutheran Church, 2510 E Divide Ave., Bismarck, ND 58501. Checks may be made out to "St. Paul Lutheran," with "Schiermeister Family" on the memo line. Please continue to keep all those affected by this tragedy in your prayers. Pastor Michael Roehl [Note: Scott was a vicar at Grace in 2007. His father and mother, Myron and Leota, have received Pastor Hein's ministry a number of times as Leota has had several back surgeries here in the Twin Cities.]
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Nathanael Mayhew of Zion in Lawrenceville, GA (Atlanta), has accepted the call to Grace in Sleepy Eye, and Faith in New Ulm, MN. ✠ Pastor Joel Fleischer of Calvary in Marquette, MI, has received the call to Berea in Sioux Falls, SD.
- ◆ **KINSHIP News:** The CLCI Seminary at Nidubrolu, India celebrated its 16th commencement on June 16. 14 students received their diplomas after successfully completing the three-year course, and will be assigned their respective fields of pastoral labor. KINSHIP again gave a monetary gift to the graduates. We thank the Lord of the harvest for His blessing, as well as the CLC sponsors who helped support these men and their families for the last three years. We ask the Lord's guidance and teaching comfort as a new class of students begins its studies. Pastor Joythi Benjamin also announced that 10 students have completed the Bible correspondence course offered by the CLCI. 466 students have taken this course since 1993. Two members of the KINSHIP committee will see for themselves conditions abroad, even as they encourage the students, orphans and all the brethren. Mr. Sherman Carstensen has left on a trip to East Africa, and

will visit St. David's Kinship school in Etago. Pastor Paul Naumann will travel to southern India later this fall, meeting with members of the CLCI and BELC. At this time there is a need for several new sponsors: three student sponsorships are available, as well as one sponsorship for an orphan in Nepal. If you are interested, please contact Pastor David Fuerstenau [907-225-2842/djfuerstenau@kpnunet.net] for further details. Always we are reminded that *"pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their troubles..."* James 1:27. Always we thank God for this privilege and duty, giving glory to Him in all things. –*The KINSHIP Committee*

- ◆ **From the CLC Board of Missions:** Please include the following in your prayers ... On Sun., July 6, the following Mission Helpers will meet in Chicago for a flight that will route through Europe to arrival in Kathmandu, Nepal on Tuesday morning: Neal Wietgrefe, Erica Wietgrefe, Tom Naumann, Lucas Brown, Rob Sauers, Kate Sauers, Raven Haight, Alyssa Krause, Sam Rodebaugh, Ashley Elliott, Michaela Naumann, Todd Ohlmann. Please pray for wisdom, love, compassion, and safety as the Gospel is proclaimed to an estimated 1500+ children in several villages throughout the central and northern foothills of Himalayan mountain range of Nepal. The pastors of the Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession of Nepal will also meet with Pastor Ohlmann and Seminarian Rob Sauers for a Pastoral Training Seminar on the last couple of days that the Mission Helpers are in Kathmandu. You will be able to follow the progress of the trip at: <http://2014clcmhtnepal.blogspot.com/>. Also, keep Pastor Mike Gurath and Teacher Sherm Carstensen in your prayers as they visit the congregations, schools, and pastors of the CLC-Kenya and Uganda over the next few weeks. Mike Gurath serves as our part-time visiting missionary to Kenya and Uganda. Sherm Carstensen, who serves on Kinship committee, will be assessing the opportunities for Kinship work at the schools in Etago and the Moi's Bridge area of Kenya. Also Missionary Ed and his wife Janice have recently returned safely to Chennai, India after their furlough time in the U. S.

CLC FINANCIAL REPORT May 2014

The following summarizes the CLC operating funds and the six significant auxiliary funds. The Trustees request that congregations include the information from this monthly chart in a bulletin.

<i>CLC Financial Report</i>	Balance	Year to Date	Year to Date	FY 2014 Budget	Balance
Operating Funds	7/1/2013	Revenue	Disbursements	@ 11 Months	5/31/2014
General Fund	0	830,949	834,489	\$838,475	-3,540
ILC Operations	0	1,215,975	1,217,258	\$1,243,000	-1,283
Total	\$0	\$2,046,924	\$2,051,747	\$2,081,475	-\$4,823
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	42,351	62,940	31,445		73,846
ILC Building Fund	17,052	120,021	120,315		16,758
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	131,112	269,349	179,977		220,484
Kinship	42,009	81,363	74,350		49,022
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	1,105,823	1,176,210	768,840		1,513,193
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	16,538	169,862	165,855		20,545
Reserve Fund	135,268				135,268
Total	\$1,490,153	\$1,879,745	\$1,340,782		\$2,029,116