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✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Jan Davis

Elder: Phil Radichel

Ushers: Mark Wales, Don Auel, Ole Olmanson, Adam Wales,
Eli Wales, Brandon Wendland, Brandt Wendland

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

Hospitality Team 2: Janelle Hein; Chris Lentz; Jenny Kleifgen

Church Cleaners: Oman School: A. Baker

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: David Stifter, Scott Baker, Chad Hestekin, Al
Rosendahl, Dylan Stifter, Lyle Trulin, Michael Ude

Counting Team 4: Ed Lentz; Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl;
Dave Rust; Lynn Sandhoefner

Hospitality Team 3: Bye (Church Picnic)

Church Cleaners: P. Radichel School: K. Baker

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun. Sept. 7: 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service
11:15 am – Hospitality
12:00 pm – Council Meeting

Mon., Sept. 8: 10:00 am – MN Pastoral Study Club (Mankato, MN)
7:00 pm – Grace School Open House

Wed., Sept. 10: 4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class

Sun., Sept. 14: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service
11:15 am – Grace Church Picnic

Sun., Sept. 21: 4:00 pm – Pastor Maas Installation (Mapleton, ND)

Wed., Sept. 24: CLC Coordinating Council (Eau Claire, WI)

Sun., Sept. 28: 4:00 pm – Pastor J. Fleischer Installation (Sioux Falls, SD)

Oct. 7-8: MN Pastoral Conference (Morris, MN)

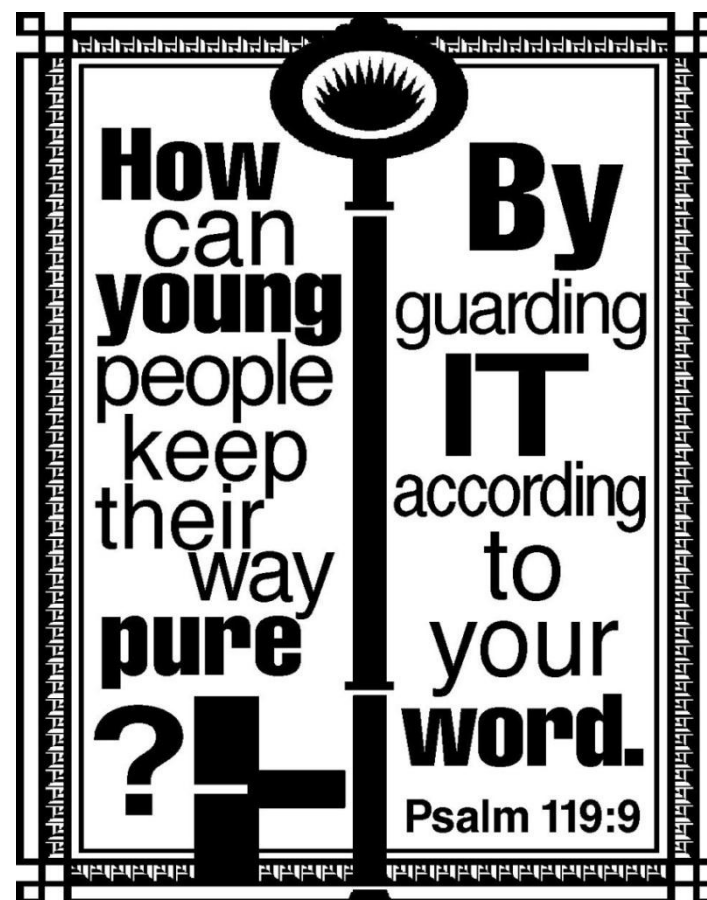
Sun., Oct. 12: Mission Festival

Sun., Oct. 19: 8:30 am – Dr. Menton Seminar

Last Week's Stats: August 31, 2014 Sun.: 109

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,282.84	CLC:	\$1,150.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,200.00	CLC:	1,040.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+82.84	CLC:	+110.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$110,956.20	CLC:	\$34,590.65
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	112,000.00	CLC:	36,400.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-1,043.80	CLC:	-1,809.35
GLC Other: 0.00	Living Faith: 0.00		Tuition Aid: 1,420.00	
SAF Endowment: 0.00	MDF: 50.00		Kinship: 50.00	
ILC Student Aid: 50.00	ILC Bldg. 50.00		IIF: 0.00	CEF: 0.00
Current Balances:	Projection:	-439.67	Tuition Aid:	+8,412.12

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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 13

Date: September 7, 2014

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 625: Oh, Blest the House, Whate'er Befall

TLH 629: Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds

TLH 286: How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts

Communion: TLH 315

TLH 283: God's Word is Our Great Heritage

Note: Sun. School Teacher Installation after Creed

Worship Prep:

Ps. 119, 18, TLH p. 133

Liturgy:

WS, p. 12 (Communion)

Scripture Readings:

1 Peter 1:22-2:3

John 17:6-19

Sermon: Proverbs 30:5-6

⁵ Every word of God *is* pure; He *is* a shield to those who put their trust in Him. ⁶ Do not add to His words, Lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar. (NKJVTM)

Trust in God's Pure Word



✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ♦ **School Open House:** Tomorrow at 7 pm there will be an open house for the school parents and friends.
- ♦ **Midweek Bible Class:** This Wednesday at 7 pm the midweek Bible class will resume. Come and learn from God's Word!
- ♦ **Church Picnic:** Next Sunday, September 14 there will be a church picnic here on the church grounds following our regular church service. Plans are to have some organized games for the children. Grilled meat will be provided. Members are asked to bring a dish to share, including things like salads, chips, and/or desserts. Folks may help out as needed with serving and cleanup.
- ♦ **Sunday School Teachers:** This year's S.S. teachers are: Age 4-K: Pat Dick; 1st-3rd: Mikey Oman; 4th-5th: Jan Davis; 6th-8th: Michael Ude. May the teachers and students be richly blessed around the Word: "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." Isaiah 55:11
- ♦ **Collection:** A purse is being collected for Vicar Sauers. If you wish to contribute, please mark "Vicar" on your offering envelope.
- ♦ **Invitation:** Rev. Delwyn Maas will be installed as pastor of Gift of God Lutheran Church in Mapleton, ND, on Sunday, September 21 at 4 pm. A celebratory pot luck dinner will follow. The officiant is Pastor John Hein and the preacher is Pastor Joel Fleischer. Anyone who can make it is welcome!
- ♦ **CLC News:** Pastor Chad Seybt of Redeemer in Cheyenne, WY, has accepted the call to serve as interim pastor of Prince of Peace in Loveland, CO. □ Pastor Luke Bernthal of Grace/Peace/St. Paul's in Valentine, NE/Mission/White River, SD, has returned the call to become the third pastor at Messiah in Eau Claire, WI. □ Pastor Norman Greve of St. Peter's in Iron River, MI has accepted the call to serve as interim pastor of Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI. □ From CLC President Michael Eichstadt: Rev. David Schmidt, who has served in the pastoral ministry of the CLC and of the WELS, and who is currently a member of Messiah, Eau Claire, has applied for colloquy into the ministerium of the CLC.

MARTIN LUTHER: "I MUST PLACE THE WORD OF GOD ABOVE EVERYTHING. I MUST HAZARD LIFE AND LIMB, THE WORLD'S FAVOR, MY PROPERTY, HONOR, AND ALL MY WELFARE THAT I MAY KEEP IT [THE WORD] AND CLING TO CHRIST AS TO MY MOST PRECIOUS TREASURE IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH."

EDUCATION FOR A LIFETIME—AND BEYOND:

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As an aside, Proverbs uses the word “smart” only once, and not in a positive manner, nor in the context of mental acuity. “He that is surety for a stranger shall smart...” (11:15), that is, he will suffer or pay for it.

The words, knowledge, understanding, and wisdom address the subject of mental capability. But they have different nuances. One can have knowledge without understanding, e.g. one can know of something without understanding how it functions, or what makes it tick. One can have knowledge and understanding and yet not have wisdom. Wisdom is the ability to exercise prudent behavior and to act accordingly. It manifests itself through sound judgment, discretion, and common sense. “Happy is the man who finds wisdom, and the man who gains understanding” (3:13). Concerning wisdom, the wise King wrote “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom” (9:10). As we understand that the source of all wisdom is the Lord, we will appreciate what Solomon said when he wrote, “How much better to get wisdom than gold” (16:16). “For wisdom is better than rubies, and all the things one may desire cannot be compared with her” (8:11).

A person whose wisdom is of God is discreet and caring in his interaction with others. Such wisdom is described in a beautiful word picture from Scripture, “A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver” (11:25), for “Wisdom is found on the lips of him who has understanding” (10:13). Such understanding spoken by a wise person is a consequence of knowledge of the Holy One for we read, “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding” (9:10). Understanding is a consequence of learning and knowledge which itself is a consequence also of the fear—respect, not fright—of the Lord. “The fear of the Lord is the beginning

of knowledge” (1:7). By contrast the same verse says, “But fools despise wisdom and instruction.”

The second chapter in this beautiful book combines our thoughts when it says:

“My son, if you receive my words, And treasure my commands within you, ² So that you incline your ear to wisdom, And apply your heart to understanding; ³ Yes, if you cry out for discernment, And lift up your voice for understanding, ⁴ If you seek her as silver, And search for her as for hidden treasures; ⁵ Then you will understand the fear of the LORD, And find the knowledge of God. ⁶ For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding; ⁷ He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk uprightly; ⁸ He guards the paths of justice, And preserves the way of His saints. ⁹ Then you will understand righteousness and justice, Equity and every good path. ¹⁰ When wisdom enters your heart, And knowledge is pleasant to your soul, ¹¹ Discretion will preserve you; Understanding will keep you, ¹² To deliver you from the way of evil, From the man who speaks perverse things, ¹³ From those who leave the paths of uprightness To walk in the ways of darkness...” (2:1-13).

“A wise man will hear and increase learning, and a man of understanding will attain wise counsel” (1:5). Where better to attain knowledge, understanding, and wisdom for a lifetime and beyond than from the Lord? In Him resides and from Him comes the wisdom unto salvation. Where better to look, then, but into the Word of God?. In fact where else can it be learned than from the Word of God?

Mary is a splendid example of imbibing knowledge, understanding and wisdom as she sat at the feet of Jesus. To the fulfillment of godly pursuits and legitimate activities of life as God wills, and to the furtherance of our youth in these qualities, we will always remember Jesus’ words, “One thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part which will not be taken away from her” (Luke 10:42).

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“He who gets wisdom loves his own soul; he who keeps understanding will find good” (19:8). These he will find as he keeps in heart and mind: “My son, give attention to My words; incline your ear to My sayings...keep them in the midst of your heart; for they are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh. Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life” (4:20-23).

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