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✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Maureen Ochsner Elder: Benno Sydow

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

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

Hospitality Team 1: Phil & Jackie Radichel; Lynn & Janice Sandhoefner

Church Cleaners: Sandhoefner School: Wales

✠ 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; Benno Sydow; Brandt Wendland; Chad Hestekin

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

Church Cleaners: ?? School: Wales

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., May 10: 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service
11:15 am – Hospitality

Wed., May 13: 4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Confirmation Preparation
7:30 pm – Immanuel Keyboard Recital @ Immanuel Fieldhouse

Thu., May 14: 7:00 pm – Ascension Day Worship

Sun., May 17: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Confirmation Examination
10:00 am – Worship with Confirmation
11:15 am – Hospitality

Wed., May 20: 4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students (done early!)

Thu., May 21: 7:00 pm – Grace School Spring Program

Fri., May 22: 12:00 pm – School Year Dismissal
3:00 pm – Immanuel Class Day @ Immanuel Fieldhouse
7:30 pm – Immanuel Concert @ Messiah Lutheran

Sat., May 23: 10:00 am – Immanuel Graduation @ Immanuel Fieldhouse

Sun., May 24: 9:00 am – Summer Worship Schedule Begins (Pentecost/Graduation)
10:15 am – Hospitality (Last one for year, for graduates)
Spring Lake Park Parade

Thu., June 4: 3:00 pm – MN Delegate Conference @ Eagle Lake, MN

Sun., June 7: 9:00 am – Grace Lutheran 60th Anniversary Service

Sun., June 14: 4:00 pm – Pastor Rob Sauers Ordination @ Morris, MN

Sun., June 21: CLC General Pastoral Conference @ Eau Claire, WI

June 16-18: CLC General Pastoral Conference @ Eau Claire, WI

August 3-7: 9:00-11:30 am – Vacation Bible School

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Church Year: Easter 6

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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Date: May 10, 2015

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 36: Now Thank We All Our God
TLH 624: O Blessed Home Where Man and Wife
A Mother's Love (bulletin, TLH 558-2nd Tune)
WS 800: Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalms 128, Projected

Liturgy:

TLH, p. 5 (Projected)
Gloria: TLH 249

Scripture Readings:

Proverbs 31:10-31
Luke 2:34-35/John 19:25-30

Sermon: 1 Timothy 2:8-15

⁸I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; ⁹likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, ¹⁰but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. ¹¹Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. ¹²I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. ¹³For Adam was formed first, then Eve; ¹⁴and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. ¹⁵Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control. (ESVTM)

"Honor the Blessed Role of Women"

✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Ascension Worship This Thursday:** 40 days after Jesus' resurrection He ascended into heaven visibly from His disciples. Knowing that He was now seated at the right hand of the Father in full glory and ruling over all things, they worshipped Him with great joy. Our opportunity to worship Him is this Thursday, May 14, 7 pm.
- ◆ **Kindergarten Call:** At the April meeting, the Voters extended another year-long call to Ann Radichel for teaching kindergarten. Her answer: "Dear members of Grace, I accept the call extended to me to teach Kindergarten at Grace next year. With the help of God I look forward to teaching the little lambs under my care. Keep the teaching staff and me in your prayers as we fulfill our calls. Ann Radichel"
- ◆ **Confirmation:** Confirmation will be held next Sunday, May 17. This year's confirmands are Julianna Hein, Olivia Lentz, and Jack Maki. May the Lord bless their preparations and their resolve as they consider the commitment they are making with the help of God.
- ◆ **Next Sunday:** The Sunday School will be singing TLH 657, Beautiful Savior, for Confirmation next Sunday. The Christian Day School children will also be singing.
- ◆ **Grace Lutheran School** staff is beginning to plan for the 2015-16 school year. If you are interested in enrolling your child in our school, please speak to one of the teachers for an enrollment form.
- ◆ **Grace Anniversary Service:** Save the date! Sunday, June 14, 9 am.
- ◆ **Pictorial Directory:** We are still making an effort to include as many people as possible in the Grace pictorial directory. If you have a quality digital picture that you are willing to share, please send it to Rick Nelson ASAP at wrekwear@mac.com. He is intending to put everything together this coming Monday, May 11.
- ◆ **School Program:** On Thu., May 21, 7 pm, the children of our day school will be putting on their play, "Queen Arithmetic." All members and friends of Grace are invited to show support of the children's efforts and of our school. Refreshments will follow.
- ◆ **Graduates:** Please list any member of Grace that is graduating this year (Jan-Dec 2015) on the sheet on the tract rack table. Include the school's name and the degree. Our Graduation Sunday is May 24.
- ◆ **Graduation Invitations:** The bulletin board by Pastor's office includes some invitations from this year's graduates.
- ◆ **Lutheran Spokesman:** The Lutheran Spokesman is a publication by the CLC which is dedicated to sharing rich, devotional messages for our spiritual edification. Those who currently receive the publication are listed on a sheet by the guestbook. If you no longer wish to receive it, please cross out your name. If you don't receive it and would like to, please sign up. The congregation covers the cost.

- ◆ **Parade:** On Thu., June 4, our school will be walking in the Spring Lake Park Tower Days Parade. All members are invited to participate to help let the community know about the treasure of our Christian school! We are hoping that all our students and parents will be able to participate in this. More details will be available soon.
- ◆ **Book:** "Steeple in the Distance," a novel by Deborah Ude, is now available. It may be purchased either directly from Deborah Ude at deborahude.com, through the CLC Book House at clcbookhouse.org, or through Michael and Jess Ude. The cost is \$20.00 per book. Pastor Dave Naumann, Chairman of the Board of Education and Publications comments: "There are many "Christian" novels on the market. Most of them contain the glaring, as well as the subtle, errors of the reformed. Here is a breath of fresh air. A fiction novel that is solidly Lutheran, written by Deborah Ude."
- ◆ **Youth Conference:** Immanuel Lutheran of Mankato is sponsoring a Youth Conference this summer (July 28-August 2) in Como, CO. The conference features sessions of Bible Study, outdoor recreation, Colorado River rafting and more. Brochures for the conference are available by the guest book. See www.youthconference.info.
- ◆ **Traveling Vacation Bible School (TVBS):** We are planning our summer trips for TVBS this summer and are praying that the Lord will move hearts to participate in a flier or teaching trip, or both. If you don't know what this involves you can go to www.clctvbs.org for information. We are looking for individuals or families to travel for between a day and a week to distribute fliers or to teach VBS lessons to children in congregations around the country. All expenses are covered by the TVBS Committee. If you are able and willing to help, please register at www.clctvbs.org or contact Ross Roehl at ross.roehl@ilc.edu.
- ◆ **Sauers Ordination:** Our vicar, Rob Sauers, will be installed and ordained on Sun., June 21, 4 pm, at Bethel Lutheran Church in Morris, MN. A fellowship meal will follow. Pastor John Hein will serve as Liturgist and Pastor Peter Evensen will be the Preacher. Please let Pastor know if you are attending so the congregation can prepare.
- ◆ **Vacation Bible School:** This is scheduled for August 3-7.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #28 – Office of the Keys

Last Week's Stats: May 3, 2015 Sun.: 95 S.S.: 14 B.C.I.: 37

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,126.61	CLC:	\$653.25	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,340.00	CLC:	1,060.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-213.39	CLC:	-406.75	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$55,540.65	CLC:	\$15,385.55	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	60,120.00	CLC:	19,080.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-4,579.35	CLC:	-3,694.45	
GLC Other:	224.00	Living Faith:	12.00	Tuition Aid:	140.00
SAF Endowment:	0.00	MDF:	50.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid:	0.00	ILC Bldg.	100.00	IIF: 20.00	CEF: 0.00
Current Balances:		Parking Lot:	5,850.00	Tuition Aid:	1,295.37

Proverbs 6:20-23 My son, keep your father's commands and do not forsake your mother's teaching. Bind them upon your heart forever; fasten them around your neck. When you walk, they will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you; when you awake, they will speak to you. For these commands are a lamp, this teaching is a light, and the corrections of discipline are the way to life.

A BLESSING TO THE CHILD: MOTHER AS FIRST TEACHER

From the very beginning, a mother is a teacher.

When she cradles her newborn to feed him the first time, his schooling begins. The first lesson is love. It is followed by lessons in patience, diligence, self-sacrifice and duty. Later these lessons will be spoken, but at first mom simply teaches by example.

The subjects in a Christian mother's classroom vary widely. She teaches simple day-to-day things like tying your shoes and chewing with your mouth closed. But she also teaches the profound. Respect for others. Selflessness. Honesty.

A Christian mother's curriculum begins with the Bible. She wants her child to know and understand this world. But more than that, she wants her child to know and love the world's Creator. She wants her child to look in hope and trust to the Savior from sin that the Creator sent.

How many children have been held by their own mothers as they were baptized into the Kingdom of Christ? How many Bible story books opened by Mom? How many alarm clocks set so that her children will be there for Sunday School? How many Sunday School lessons taught by Mom herself? How many children have learned to trust the God of the Bible by watching Mom trust Him and communicate with Him?

Paul wrote the following to a young pastor named Timothy: "I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also" (2 Timothy 1:5 NIV).

Thank God for Christian mothers who teach.

A MOTHER'S LOVE.

By G. Wm. Luecke, Lutheran Witness of May 10, 1955.
Sung to TLH 558, 2nd Tune

The love of God is great and good,
Nor can its depth be understood,
Whereby He sent His only Son,
And through His blood redemption won
For sinners who had gone astray,
And left their God in every way.
Such love can nowhere else be found
As that which us to God has bound.

But God in Mother love has giv'n
A semblance of that love of Heav'n.
The love for each and every child
In Christian mothers' hearts so mild
Exceeds the call of earthly care,
And makes each hour a time of prayer,
That for the Lord she'll keep her own
Until her task in life is done.

What can repay for childhood years,
For all a Mother's toil and tears,
For homes where Christ the Lord is found,
And prayers our daily lives surround?
To God who blesses rich and poor
With gifts from His abundant store,
Let heartfelt thanks ascend above
From all who've known a Mother's love!



WHY NOT A CHRISTIAN SCHOOL?

The general concept of education is to train children in social skills, and in the arts so that they can function in society and be purposeful citizens in the community and the nation. They need skills that prepare them for the work world. We want them to acquire knowledge and wisdom that makes them a positive force in society. But essential to a well-rounded education, and a well-educated youth involves more than providing a secular education. Dr. J. Gresham Machen wrote, "Without cultivation of the moral interests, a technically trained man is only given more power to do harm" ⁽¹⁾

Some years ago among us there was an essay entitled, "*The Soul of Education is the Education of the Soul.*" Human wisdom and knowledge is important, but it is the Word of God which gives the child the full life. Until the student has a knowledge of the true God he is not properly educated. He is not truly educated for life or *Life*. It is the Word of God which imparts such knowledge in its fullness and creates the faith that gives appreciation of all the blessings for time and eternity that flow from the hands of the gracious Father in heaven. It is the Word of the Gospel which translates faith into fruit-bearing to the glory of God while on the earth. From the Word comes the ability to use our gifts for the manner in which they are intended by the Creator who teaches "whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God" ^(1 Corinthians 10:31). Luther said, "Above all things, the principle and most general subject of study, both in the higher and lower schools should be the Holy Scripture."⁽²⁾

Since it is the responsibility of Christian parents to look after the foremost needs of God's children committed to their care, most assuredly parents will want their children to be instructed in the way of salvation from the Scriptures. In the Scriptures is revealed the Gospel which is, "the power of God unto salvation" ^(Romans 1:16). Only as they are nourished as to their soul are they educated in the fullest sense.

What is it that parents seek when thinking about the education of their children? A fine structure? An active social climate? A competitive athletic program? A capable faculty? Fine and good. As Christians we take a backseat to no one in wanting no less than the best for our children! But ought not a sound spiritual foundation, a nourishment in the Word, an instruction that contributes to growth in faith, instruction that gives an appreciation of the creation of the Creator God, a respect for life, assurance of eternal life in Christ, and a faculty that looks upon the children as precious lambs of God, at very least be part of the consideration of what makes a good education? To satisfy this need Luther wrote his two catechisms so that the children could grow up in the Word in the home, and parents could be assisted in their responsibility through school and church.

The education of our youth occupies a great amount of attention and time in public thought in our country. Continually we are told we must contribute more and more money to education. But money of itself does not buy a good education, and most assuredly does not educate the soul for eternity. Further, just as an elaborate and well-appointed cathedral does not guarantee an education that leads to eternal life, neither does a well-appointed school building of itself translate into a good, useful, and purposeful education. Increasingly, schools are coming under the aegis of the government, and are being turned into social laboratories where societal and political agendas are being foisted upon students. Instruction is being overtaken by propagandizing for causes that undermine the Word of God and Christian sanctification. Of what value is an education that promotes evolution, encourages and promotes things contrary to what Scripture teaches, and undermines morals when the children upon coming home from school have to be disabused of things they were taught in school which are contrary to their faith?

As we cannot promote and trumpet the truth of God's word without identifying that which is contrary to it, so we cannot overlook the negative effects that a "God-free" education has on the life of the youth, the church, and the nation.

Nevertheless, we do not promote Christian education simply as an escape from public education and government influence. What recommends Christian education is the blessing of growing in the Word and in faith in Christ. Education with a purpose! Such an education is a blessing to children, parents, the church, and the nation.

Eighty years ago, Dr. Machen expressed his appreciation for those "who have so wonderfully maintained the Christian schools," and of teachers "who no doubt, are serving as teachers on salaries necessarily small." Of those who support Christian schools and who teach in them he wrote, "When I think of such Christian heroism as yours, I count everything that I ever tried to do in my life as pitifully unworthy. I can only say that I stand reverently in your presence as in the presence of brethren to whom God has given richly of His grace ... May our God richly bless you, and of His grace give you a reward with which all the rewards of earth are not for one moment worthy to be compared" ⁽³⁾. To this we in our church say, "Amen."

1. J. Gresham Machen: *Two Reasons for the Christian School*, Essay, 1933
2. Martin Luther: *What Luther Says*, Vol 1, P. 449, para. 1326
3. J. Gresham Machen: *Two Reasons for the Christian School*, Essay, 1933