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✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Janelle Hein Elder: Brandt Wendland
Ushers: Pat Paplow, Alex Baker, Kevin Baker, Dan Degnan,
 Brian Eichstadt, Brandon Paplow
Counting Team 1: Dan Degnan; Larry Nelson; Phil Radichel;
 Pat Paplow
Church Cleaners: Sandhoefner

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Pat Paplow, Alex Baker, Kevin Baker, Dan Degnan,
 Brian Eichstadt, Brandon Paplow
Counting Team 2: Gary Gunther; Rick Nelson; Bill Rust; Bob
 Vandevveer, Clint Welker
Church Cleaners: R & H Nelson

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., June 28: 9:00 am – Worship Service
Sun., July 5: 9:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper
Sun., July 12: 9:00 am – Worship Service
 11:00 am – Council Meeting
Sun., July 19: 10:15 am – Quarterly Voters & Dorcas Guild Meetings
August 3-7: 9:00-11:30 am – Vacation Bible School
Sat., Aug. 8: 9:00 am – School Cleaning Day
Mon. Aug. 10: 7:00 pm – School Ice Cream Social
Mon., Aug. 24: 10:00 am – Immanuel Opening Service @ Eau Claire, WI
Mon. Aug. 31: 8:00 am – School Opening Service (First Day of School)
Sun., Sept. 13: Return to Regular Schedule (Worship at 10 am)

Last Week's Stats: June 21, 2015 Sun.: 95

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,562.25	CLC:	\$630.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,340.00	CLC:	1,060.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+222.25	CLC:	-430.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$77,400.27	CLC:	\$21,032.15	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	83,500.00	CLC:	26,500.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-6,099.73	CLC:	-5,467.85	
GLC Other:	6.50	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition Aid:	65.00
SAF Endowment:	100.00	MDF:	10.00	Kinship:	150.00
ILC Student Aid:	0.00	ILC Bldg.	50.00	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 0.00
Current Balances:	Parking Lot:	6,875.00	Tuition Aid:	2,056.12	

Welcome to our guests and visitors. We appreciate the opportunity to share God's Word with you today. Please come again! Those interested in learning more about the Scriptures and our doctrinal position, please speak with Pastor Hein. He would be delighted to visit with you!

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Date: June 28, 2015

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 30: Oh, that I had a Thousand Voices
 TLH 365: Jesus I Will Never Leave
 TLH 409: Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus
 TLH 31: When All Thy Mercies, O My God

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 46, TLH p. 134

Liturgy:

TLH, p. 12 (Projected)
 Psalm 118: WS, p. 29

Scripture Readings:

Job 38:1-11
 Mark 4:35-41

Sermon: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

¹⁴ For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; ¹⁵ and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again. ¹⁶ Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know *Him thus* no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. ¹⁸ Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹ that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. ²⁰ Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (NKJV™)

“Why Am I Here?”



Nearly two months have passed since the earthquake and subsequent aftershocks that devastated much of Nepal and affected many HCLC-Nepal families. Since that time, nearly \$72,000 in support has been offered by members and friends of the CLC to assist our brothers and sisters in Christ in providing relief in these three proposed phases:

Immediate Emergency Relief:

1. Food and Clean water
2. Shelter (tents, blankets, tarps, etc.)
3. Basic First Aid and medicines

Short Term Relief:

1. Travel costs to rural areas
2. Hospital expenses
3. Relocating the homeless



Long Term Relief:

1. Rebuilding Homes
2. Rebuilding Churches

The CLC Board of Missions has been in close contact with Pastor Raju as he and the HCLCN relief team have traveled and trekked many miles in bringing basic relief aid to the villages and families most greatly affected by the earthquake.



The initial two phases of immediate emergency relief have now been completed. \$30,000 has provided the following:

- Food, water, and tents for 25 families in the Kathmandu area
- Food, water, and tents for over 200 families in villages near the epicenter of the first earthquake.
- Truck rental and travel expenses to bring first aid, rice, water, and building materials from Kathmandu to distant villages.
- Corrugated steel sheets and construction materials to build temporary monsoon shelters.



With the annual monsoon season in full swing in Nepal, it was necessary to build more sturdy shelters to replace the tents in which families have been living. These monsoon shelters are built from wood and corrugated steel sheeting to withstand the heavy rains. After the monsoon season has passed these shelters will be dismantled and the

materials will be used to rebuild permanent homes and church buildings.

Following several visits to the affected villages, Raju and the other HCLCN leaders have determined that three church buildings need to be completely rebuilt and five churches are in need of major repairs. Three pastor's homes also need to be completely rebuilt. Approx. 200 pastor and member homes are also in need of major and minor repairs.



The HCLCN, in consultation with the CLC Board of Missions, has proposed that the rebuilding and repairing of church buildings and homes begin as soon as possible following the end of the monsoon season in a few months if funding is available.



An additional \$41,000 in offerings to the HCLCN Relief Fund will be needed to complete the projects that have been proposed.

Contributions to the **MDF— NEPAL RELIEF FUND** are still being accepted from individuals or through local congregations. Contributions can also be made online at:

www.lutheranmissions.org/earthquake/

"...as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith" Galatians 6:10

✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **New Member:** We rejoice that Kelly Stifter is now a communicant member via her profession of faith last Sunday. Pastor apologizes that this wasn't included in the bulletin.
- ◆ **Work Day:** Thanks to all those who helped yesterday!
- ◆ **Vacation Bible School:** On August 3-7, 9:00 -11:30 am, we will be having our VBS. This includes children age 4 years to children going into eighth grade. Please register your children on the sheet by the guest book.
- ◆ **VBS Staff:** In preparing for VBS, we will need to put together a staff, including teachers and coordinators for crafts and music. Please consider this labor of love and let Pastor know of your willingness.
- ◆ **Southwest Metro:** The worship service in Eden Prairie is cancelled next weekend. It will resume on July 12.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Collette Krause has returned the call to be teacher at Trinity in Watertown, SD. ✠ Pastor Burgess Huehn has announced his plans to return to full retirement at the end of August. Trinity in Millston, WI, has called Pastor Em. David Lau from Eau Claire, WI.



Mission Helper Trip:

The 2015 CLC Mission Helpers to East Africa will be departing from Chicago on Monday, June 29. Please pray that the Lord would give an abundance of wisdom, love, compassion, patience, and safety to the Mission Helpers and to those they go to serve as the Gospel is proclaimed to 2500+ children in several villages throughout Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, and Zambia. Pray also for the pastors and church leaders that Pastors Mayhew, Gurath, and Ohlmann will be working with during the pastoral training seminars and conferences.

The fifteen Mission Helpers will divide into the following teams:

Kenya Team: Michael Gurath (Phoenix, AZ), Anna Gurath (Phoenix, AZ), Kirsten Gullerud (Mountain View, CA), Jennifer Grabow (Mankato, MN), Hannah Hulke (Eau Claire, WI)

Tanzania Team: Nathanael Mayhew (Sleepy Eye, MN), Samuel Naumann (Clarkson, WA), Jessica Schaller (Watertown, SD), Raven Haight (Markesan, WI), Jessica Schreyer (Mankato, MN)

Zambia Team: Todd Ohlmann (St. Louis, MO), Lucas Brown (Phoenix, AZ), Lydia Albrecht (Milwaukee, WI), Heidi Lau (Eau Claire, WI), Riley Noeldner (Eau Claire, WI)

You will be able to follow the progress of the trip at: <http://2015clcmhteastafrica.blogspot.com/>

Evolutionism—Is There Such a Word?

by Dr. David Menton on November 19, 2013

What is evolutionism? Is it even a word? Dr. David Menton explores these questions and examines the worldview of evolution.

Why is it we often encounter the comparison of *creationism* vs. *evolution* but rarely *creationism* vs. *evolutionism*? Is there no such thing as the word *evolutionism*? Surprisingly, many English language dictionaries, including even some large unabridged dictionaries, fail to define the word *evolutionism* and some don't even list it as a word. For example, the unabridged edition of the *Random House Dictionary of the English Language* I have in my library weighs ten pounds and has nearly 2,000 pages of definitions yet fails to include the word *evolutionism*.¹ Those dictionaries that do include the word generally leave it undefined and merely list it as a noun related to the main entry "evolution."

When the -ism suffix is added to a word it forms complex nouns that often imply a system of belief or worldview

While the current Wikipedia entry for *evolutionism* concedes that the word exists, it assures us that it is "seldom used in the scientific community" and implies that its continued use is mostly by creationists.² But a Google search for *evolutionism* gives over a million results—with the vast majority of uses coming from evolutionists themselves! A search for *evolutionism* on Google Books gives over 200,000 results and on Google Scholar (generally limited to the academic and scientific literature) about 25,000 results.

So why is there a seeming reluctance to admit the very existence of such a commonly used word as *evolutionism*? Most likely it involves the shade of meaning that the suffix *-ism* adds to the word evolution. When the *-ism* suffix is added to a word it forms complex nouns that often imply a system of belief or worldview, and this is what many evolutionists refuse to acknowledge about evolution. To put a point on it, evolutionists do not want you to associate belief with evolution.

Do You Believe in Evolution?

In the recent video *Evolution vs. God*, evangelist Ray Comfort asked the faculty and students at several universities if they believe in evolution, and all firmly acknowledged they did believe. But more astute evolutionists resent being asked if they “believe” in evolution because such a question implies that their strongly held evolutionary convictions involve some trace of belief, a fact they adamantly deny. In a lecture at the 2006 meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in St. Louis, evolutionary apologist Dr. Eugenie Scott cautioned her audience about the question, “Do you believe in evolution?” and insisted that the question should always be phrased, “Do you accept evolution?” For her and many other evolutionists, evolution is “settled science” and thus must be accepted as an absolute fact, not merely believed.

But the Word *Creationism* Is OK

Unlike the word *evolutionism*, the word *creationism* is found and defined in almost all dictionaries of the English language. For example, my Random House Dictionary defines *creationism* as “the doctrine that matter and all things were created, substantially as they now exist, by an omnipotent Creator, and not gradually evolved or developed.”³ This dictionary could have similarly defined *evolutionism* as “the doctrine that matter and all things evolved over billions of years to their current form by purely natural processes, and not supernaturally created in six days by an omnipotent Creator.” But as we have seen, there can be no *evolutionism* vs. *creationism*.

Even the Word *Darwinism* Is OK

Although the word *evolutionism* is often left undefined in dictionaries, the word *Darwinism* is usually found and defined. This might seem inconsistent, but to evolutionists the difference between the two words is significant. Evolution they insist is an absolute observable fact while Darwinism is a theory about the mechanism of evolution. Thus an evolutionist might concede that he believes that Darwin has given us a correct explanation for the mechanism of evolution (*Darwinism*), but regardless of how it happened, he is dead certain of the “fact” of evolution itself.

Think of Evolution the Way You Think of Gravity

Evolutionists like to use the phenomenon of gravity as an example of how we should view the supposed phenomenon of evolution. After all, we don’t “believe” in gravity, we observe it and accept it as a fact—and indeed it is a law of nature. Evolutionists insist that we should be every bit as confident in amoeba-to-man evolution as we are that a dropped bowling ball will fall to the floor rather than rise to the ceiling. But thus far, evolutionists have

stopped short of calling evolution a scientific law of nature. Evolution is much too nebulous and slippery to ever qualify as a law of nature. Unlike a law, no one has ever attempted to reduce evolution to a mathematical statement applicable anywhere in the universe.

Evolutionary apologists can be devilishly clever in glossing over the failure of molecules-to-man evolution to measure up to the observational status of gravity. For example we often hear that “the theory of evolution is as well-established as the theory of gravity.” They apparently hope that the average person will understand this to mean that evolution is as well established as the “theory” that a dropped bowling ball will fall rather than rise. But the theory of gravity must not be confused with the observation of gravity. The theories of gravity attempt to explain the actual mechanism of observed gravitational force. Anyone who troubles to look into the many exceedingly complex theories of gravity may wonder if a testable theory of gravity even exists.

Is Evolution an *-ism*?

So is evolution a belief system? Evolution is necessarily a belief because molecules-to-man evolution is not observable but rather must be inferred and believed. This is why evolutionists are stumped when asked to give an observable example of one kind of creature evolving into a different kind of creature. If pressed, they inevitably give an example of limited variation within a kind that is not a contested issue between evolutionists and creationists. It clearly takes a lot of credulity (willingness to believe without evidence) for evolutionists to believe that an expanding cloud of hydrogen turned into people over 14 billion years.

Finally, is evolution a worldview? Any belief system that purports to explain the origin of virtually everything that is real is a religion or worldview. Evolution was certainly the worldview of evolutionist Julian Huxley who believed that “evolution is the whole of reality, a single process of self-transformation.”⁴ Indeed for those who consistently hold the worldview of evolution, nothing can be elevated above evolution because everything that is real must ultimately be a product of evolution, including religion and even God if he is to be considered to be part of reality. And so it is that *evolutionism* is a widely held, essentially atheistic belief system that dare not speak its name.

Footnotes

1. *Random House Dictionary of the English Language, Unabridged* (New York: Random House, 1983).
2. Wikipedia, s.v. “Evolutionism,” <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Evolutionism> (accessed October 22, 2013).
3. *Random House Dictionary of the English Language, Unabridged* (New York: Random House, 1983), s.v. “creationism.”
4. J. Huxley, “Evolution and genetics,” in *What Is Science*, ed. J. R. Newman (New York: Simon and Schuster, 1955), 278.