

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Janelle Hein Elder: Frank Radichel

Ushers: Roger Ochsner, Jeremiah Boe, Arnold Gehrls, Bob Maki, John Maki, Jack Maki, Joel Stifter

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

Church Cleaners: S. Vandever

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Paul Lentz; Brad Kitman; Rick Nelson; Keith Radichel; Bob, Rob, & Matthew Vandever

Counting Team 3: Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Benno Sydow; Chad Hestekin

Church Cleaners: Ochsner/Boe

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Aug. 2: 9:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper
August 3-7: 9:00-11:30 am – Vacation Bible School
Sat., Aug. 8: 9:00 am – School Cleaning Day
Sun., Aug. 9: 9:00 am – Worship Service
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)
Wed, Sept. 2: 4:30 pm – Catechism Begins for Public School Students
Sun., Sept. 13: Return to Regular Schedule (Worship at 10 am)

Last Week's Stats: July 26, 2015 Sun.: 97

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,011.50	CLC:	\$760.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,340.00	CLC:	1,060.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-328.50	CLC:	-300.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$91,996.37	CLC:	\$25,138.75
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	100,200.00	CLC:	31,800.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-8,203.63	CLC:	-6,661.25
GLC Other: 90.00	Living Faith: 10.00	Tuition Aid: 10.00		
SAF Endowment: 50.00	MDF: 0.00	Kinship: 100.00		
ILC Student Aid: 20.00	ILC Bldg. 170.00*	IIF: 20.00 CEF: 0.00		
Current Balances:	Parking Lot: 7,445.00	Tuition Aid: 2,571.12		

* \$50 Martha Gullerud Memorial

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!

Grace Lutheran Church & School



Lead a life
worthy of the calling ...
 making every effort
 to maintain the unity
 of the **Spirit** in
 the bond of peace.
 Ephesians 4:1-3

Grace Lutheran Church & School



460 75th Ave. NE
Fridley, MN 55432



Email: jphein@clclutheran.com

Home Page: www.CLGraceLutheranChurch.org

Member: CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION

Pastor: John Hein (Cell 612-408-1635)

School Phone: 763-784-6340

Church Year: Pentecost 10

Phone: 763-784-8784

Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Date: August 2, 2015

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 462: I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

TLH 231: We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost

TLH 464: Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Distribution: TLH 304; Meditative Music

TLH 47: Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 84, TLH p. 139 f.

Liturgy:

TLH, p. 15 (Communion)

Gloria: TLH 244:1,4

Scripture Readings:

Exodus 24:3-11

John 6:1-15

Sermon: Ephesians 4:1-6

¹I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, ²with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, ³endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴*There is* one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶one God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all. (NKJVTM)

"Warmth within Christian Fellowship"

✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Vacation Bible School:** This week, August 3-7, 9:00-11:30 am! There are currently 27 children registered. You may still register any children. May the Lord richly bless our week as His Word is taught to our youth! The children will be participating in next Sunday's service.
- ◆ **VBS Snacks:** Those who are willing to provide snacks for the children at VBS, please sign up on the sheet by the guest book. Thanks for helping out!
- ◆ **From Pastor:** As announced in church on Sunday, my uncle is having heart issues. Since he is the middle of harvest, the Elders have given approval for me to help him out. I'll be gone from August 3-20, missing two Sundays (Aug. 9 & 16) which will be covered. VBS will also have a staff in place, Rick Nelson as a "superintendent." I'll still have my cell phone with me for emergencies and such (612-408-1635), but may be slow to answering any emails. Janelle and a couple of kids will still be around in case you need to call the church (763-784-8784) or need to get in. If pastoral help is needed, please call!
- ◆ **Student Account Help:** Occasionally families are in need of financial assistance to pay their current Immanuel student account due to factors out of their control. This impacts the ability for students to return. Some people have been willing to help students anonymously in such situations. Perhaps there are others. Those interested in learning more about how you can help, please contact Pastor John Hein (612-408-1635/john.p.hein@gmail.com).
- ◆ **ILC Student Aid Fund (SAF):** Recently it was reported that the SAF has nearly a \$7,000 negative balance. This is the Fund that supports Immanuel students through loans, grants, and scholarships. Please consider this in your offerings to support the Lord's work. In our day where faithfulness to God's Word is a dear treasure, our current students can be greatly helped as the Immanuel experience is a springboard to their faith journey. Those former students who have received help from the SAF in the past might consider how current students could also use assistance.
- ◆ **Harvest Festival:** Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Hecla, SD, extends in an invitation to its annual Harvest Festival on Sun., Aug. 9, 4 pm, Pastor Paul Krause as guest speaker. This will be followed by a turkey dinner. Location is on the Marvin Hansen farm: 10401 Stateline Road; Guelph, ND 58474.



CLC FINANCIAL REPORT

June 2015

<i>CLC Financial Report</i>	Balance	Year to Date	Year to Date	FY 2015 Budget	Balance
Operating Funds	7/1/2014	Revenue	Disbursed	12 Months	6/30/2015
General Fund	0	901,136	901,136	\$904,000	0
ILC Operations	0	1,326,746	1,326,746	\$1,347,000	0
Total	\$0	\$2,227,882	\$2,227,882	\$2,251,000	\$0
Auxiliary Funds					
IIF - ILC Improvement	67,647	18,574	64,245		21,975
ILC Building	14,168	143,539	140,808		16,899
MDF - Mission Development	190,077	280,021	377,548		92,551
Kinship	59,320	84,400	89,302		54,418
CEF - Church Extension Fund	1,624,475	1,134,958	1,296,096		1,463,337
SAF - Student Aid	19,672	142,977	169,482		(6,833)
Reserve Account	89,769	37,323	0		127,092

ILC Academic Center Mortgage		
Beginning Balance:	January 1, 2010	\$1,751,804
Current Balance:	March 31, 2015	\$1,366,583
Principal Paid to Date:		\$385,221

Comments:

- General Fund offerings in June were \$86,556, and the Fiscal Year total was \$901,136
- ILC spent \$1,326,746 for the fiscal year underspending the budget by \$20,254
- Missions and Trustees underspent budgets by \$16,036 and \$7,273 respectively
- The General Fund ended the fiscal year with a balance of \$37,323
- The General Fund ending balance was moved to the Reserve Account
- MDF expenditures for the year were \$377,548, major items included \$105,819 for building projects, \$33,000 for rice support, \$47,362 for Mission Helpers and Part Time Missionaries, and \$30,000 for disaster relief
- IIF expenditures for the year were \$64,245: \$54,397 for blacktop maintenance, and \$9,848 for professorage maintenance
- The Student Aid fund balance at the end of the school term is a negative (\$6,833) which is a significant concern for the fall semester student needs

Dr. James A. Sydow, CLC Treasurer
Philip E. Radichel, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees

HOW WILL YOU REACT?

With the approach of August, we are soon seeing our children off to school. Some children are returning; some are just beginning their educational adventure. It presents challenges to parents also. From a Christian perspective, we recognize that children are a gift of God. Scripture says:

Psalms 127:3--Behold, children are a gift of the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward.

Genesis 33:5--He lifted his eyes and saw the women and the children, and said, "Who are these with you?" So he said, "The children whom God has graciously given your servant."

Genesis 48:9--Joseph said to his father, "They are my sons, whom God has given me here." So he said, "Bring them to me, please, that I may bless them."

Joshua 24:3--"Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River, and led him through all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his descendants and gave him Isaac."

Proverbs 17:6--Grandchildren are the crown of old men, And the glory of sons is their fathers.

Furthermore when we brought our children to the Lord that He should lay His hands upon them, and bless them through Baptism ^(Mark 10:13-16), He claimed them as His own. He also laid upon Christian parents a responsibility to bring up the baptized child to know and appreciate the meaning and blessing of baptism, and further said, "Fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord" ^(Ephesians 6:4). This training in the Lord does not begin when they go off to school. It begins in the crib! It continues as children are brought as babes in arms to church, eventually start in Sunday School. Christian parents ought to be as concerned about the spiritual nourishment of God's children in their home, as they are about their physical nourishment.

Society makes a great deal about abuse of children, and rightly so. However, from a divine perspective there is no greater abuse than neglecting to bring up God's children in your home in the Word. In fact, if the spiritual welfare of children is neglected in the home, and children perceive from their parents that growing in the Word is at most optional, or unimportant, Jesus' word bears contemplating: "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea" ^(Matthew 18:6).

Parenting is a challenge in any case. Sadly, children who have been given every opportunity by their parents have indeed fallen from the faith, and turned to the elements of the world. This is heartache for Christian parents. But parents who have looked after the foremost need of their children can stand before God, though with tears, with clear conscience. But woe to those who have neglected the spiritual up-bringing of their children.

To assist parents — not to replace parental responsibility — many of our congregations have grade schools where the children are instructed and trained in the Word of God. From the Word they are nourished unto salvation. In a safe environment they see the hand of God in history, the creative power of God in

science. They learn the nature of sin, and its effect on the soul, as well as the society in which we live. They are assured of the love of God through the blessings which He showers upon them through Christian parents, and through the blessings He provides in life, chief of which is the forgiveness of sins, and the certainty of life in heaven through their Lord Jesus. They are taught to raise their voices in song and praise unto the Lord. They learn that there is rhyme and reason to all of God's creation, as well as how the Heavenly Father directs their life, turning even trials and difficulties to their eventual good. They learn, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6). Yes, they learn that when they fall into sin, the Lord is anxious and ready, and gracious to receive them again as penitent children. He will not forsake them.

The same is true about the older children as they climb the educational ladder into high school. What they learned in their Christian home, in their home church and school, is supported and strengthened as they go off to Immanuel High School. Christian teachers answerable to God for their stewardship of God's children committed to their care will not undermine the faith, but support it!

There may be a legitimate reason why children cannot attend a Christian grade school. One obviously is that there may not be such a school in their congregation. Then make use of the other congregational agencies. In anticipation of the future, plant the seed early in the child's mind that Immanuel High School lies in their future! Again, there may be legitimate reasons why they cannot go to our Lutheran high school. But God forbid that in this day and age parents dismiss the idea as unnecessary, or not worthy of consideration. Pray over it, talk about it. If cost is a factor, perhaps congregations have avenues by which they are able to assist students from their congregation to further their education through which they can be strengthened in their faith and witness, while being prepared to take their place in the workplace, or in whatever place the Lord puts them in society.

Take heed — the answer to faithful Christian parent's concerns does not lie in saying, "Well if we don't have a school of our own, we will send them to the nearest neighborhood Christian school." Scripture does have something to say to that point also.

Assuming that there are parents who would like to but cannot utilize a Christian Day School or Immanuel, and further assuming that there are some who for whatever reason feel Christian education is not important, how involved will you be in the education of your children as they march off to government schools? In this regard neither should parents whose children are in Christian schools feel they are dismissed from monitoring the instruction their children are receiving. But parents whose children are in government schools have a special challenge and responsibility.

How will you react and what will you do:

- If and when the child is not permitted to speak of Jesus in school?
- If your child comes home having been told by a student or a teacher or literature that all gods are the same as other gods, and that the Triune God is just one of many gods?

- If your child is told that he/she should not wear a shirt with a Christian message on it?
- If and when the child comes home with the idea that God did not create the world as the Bible says, "because my teacher said so?"
- If your child is disciplined in school for repeating a moral point that was heard at home?
- If your child comes home having been told that it is normal for men to "marry" men, and women to "marry" women?
- If your child wonders why a friend has two dads or two moms?
- If and when your child comes home with literature that promotes a social agenda that is contrary to morality, and Scripture?
- If you find yourself having to "un-teach" something your child learned in school because it is contrary to divine truth?
- If your child comes home and says a transgender student is permitted to use the rest room of choice.
- If your child comes home and (fill in the blank).

In any educational environment, children learn by what they are taught, by observation, by osmosis, by social interaction. Therefore in any educational environment to which you expose your child, a parent has an obligation to know what is happening in school, what is being taught, and to address it if it is contrary to divine truth, to decency, and to the faith.

School is soon beginning. Parents, are you ready beyond the common, "Good, now I can have my days back"? Are you ready to assume the special responsibility to see to it that your children — God's children — are well nourished in matters of faith according to the instruction of the Lord? There is no re-do in the rearing of a child.

A sound instruction and education begins by taking our children into Scripture that they may by the Gospel be made wise unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. This is the first prerequisite of faithful parenting. It is of the Gospel that the heart is sanctified to serve God and neighbor.

Nothing but the Word of God, and the message of sin and grace can prepare the child for eternal life. But since there is a life to live to God's glory while on this earth, the word of Charles Eliot, president of Harvard (1869-1909) bears hearing: "Nobody knows how to teach morality effectually without religion. Exclude religion from education, and you have no foundation upon which to build moral character." (*)

"My son, if you receive my words, and treasure my commands within you ... Then you will understand the fear of the Lord, and find knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding"

(Proverbs 2:1,5-6)

So what then is your answer to the question? "Where can God's children in my care best be instructed in matters of life, while waiting the call Home where their Father in Christ Jesus is waiting to welcome and receive them?"

*) A Christian Pedagogy, Edward W.A. Koehler, CPH, 1930, Foreword

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 7/2015