

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Jan Davis

Elder: Dave Rust

Ushers: James Bomber, Eli Wales, David Hein, Michael Ude, Ryan Oman

Counting Team 4: Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust; James Bomber

Hospitality Team 2: Bye (Mission Festival – Guild Comm. #1)

Church Cleaners: B Rust School: DeBoer

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: James Bomber, Eli Wales, David Hein, Michael Ude, Ryan Oman

Counting Team 1: Dan Degnan; Larry Nelson; Phil Radichel; Pat Paplow

Hospitality Team 3: Larry Nelson; Barb Sydow; Ryan & Mikey Oman; Nick & Miranda Duehlmeier; Dan & Cindy Degnan

Church Cleaners: Fleischer School: none

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Oct. 11: 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Mission Festival Worship Service
11:15 am – Mission Festival Potluck (Guild Committee #1)

Mon., Oct. 12: NO SCHOOL – Parent/Teacher Conferences
9:00 am – Visitation
10:00 am – Cowan Memorial Service
11:00 am – Luncheon (Guild Committee #2)

Tue., Oct. 13: School Field Trip (Pavek Museum of Broadcasting)

Wed., Oct. 14: 4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class

Oct. 14-16: NO SCHOOL – CLC Teachers Conf. (Inver Grove Hts., MN)

Sun., Oct. 18: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service
11:15 am – Hospitality
11:30 am – Voters and Dorcas Guild Meetings

Sat., Oct. 24: 9:00 am – Grace Work Day

Last Week's Stats: Oct. 4, 2015 Sun.: 103 S.S.: 19 B.Cl.: 39 Wed.: 19

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,481.70	CLC:	\$696.60	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,340.00	CLC:	1,060.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+141.70	CLC:	-363.40	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$120,931.03	CLC:	\$33,110.20	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	133,600.00	CLC:	42,400.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-12,668.97	CLC:	-9,289.80	
GLC Other:	50.50	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition Aid:	85.00
SAF Endowment:	0.00	MDF:	120.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid:	20.00	ILC Bldg.	140.00	IIF:	15.00
				CEF:	0.00
Current Balances:		Parking Lot:	8,130.00	Tuition Aid:	374.12*

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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 20 / Mission Festival

Date: October 11, 2015

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 502: Saints of God, the Dawn is Brightening

TLH 496: Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying

WS 772: On Galilee's High Mountain

WS 770 st. 1-2, 5: I Hear the Savior Calling

Choir and CDS Children: Feed My Lambs

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalms 66, TLH p. 136

Liturgy:

As projected
(WS 764 & TLH 360)

Scripture Reading:

Romans 10:1-17

Sermon: Luke 19:1-10

¹ Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. ² Now behold, *there was* a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. ³ And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. ⁵ And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house." ⁶ So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. ⁷ But when they saw *it*, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner." ⁸ Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold." ⁹ And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; ¹⁰ for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." (NKJVTM)

Watch for the Moment ...

✠ *THE ANNOUNCEMENTS* ✠

- ◆ **WELCOME** To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world. If you are looking for a church home, the pastor will be happy to visit with you at your convenience.
- ◆ **Mission Festival Guest Speaker:** Today we extend our gratitude to Pastor Jim Albrecht for sharing the Good News at our Mission Festival. He currently serves St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Okabena, MN, and also as Conference Visitor to the Minnesota Conference of the CLC. The Conference Visitor is the one who serves as the "pastors' pastor" and represents the CLC President when congregations in the Minnesota Conference need direction and counsel. Pastor Albrecht and his wife, Jolene, have six children, most of whom are now adults with their youngest as a senior at Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI.
- ◆ **Mission Festival Potluck:** Following today's worship service is our mission festival potluck meal. Please stay and join us in fellowship! Committee 1 will serve.
- ◆ **Blood Drive:** The blood drive will be during the potluck meal (11-3). You may still donate if you are willing. Rick Nelson has organized this in memory of the Lord graciously tending to his family at a time when blood was a great need.
- ◆ **Richard Cowan Memorial Service:** Psalm 63:1: "O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty land Where there is no water." After traveling back from pastoral conference this week in Detroit Lakes, pastor visited Richard and Jane before getting to Catechism class. After sharing God's Word, singing a few hymns, and praying the Lord's Prayer, Pastor gave Richard the benediction. Richard took a few more breaths with Jane at his side and then died peacefully. The memorial service is planned for 10 am tomorrow at the church. Visitation will start at 9 am and a luncheon will follow. Dorcas Guild Committee #2 will serve at the luncheon, Barb Sydow, Heidi Nelson, and Miranda Duehlmeier as committee heads. All questions or concerns about this may be directed to Norma Rust. All members are asked to bring salads and desserts. There is an estimated attendance of around 120. Memorials may be directed to Grace Lutheran Church as the family wishes to support the school with offerings. Correspondence may be directed to Jane Cowan; 8682 Polk St.; Blaine, MN 55434.
- ◆ **Invitation:** Karl and Katie Sieg have invited the congregation to a wedding reception at Fourth Baptist Church on Sat., Nov. 7, 2-4 pm. Please send an RSVP email to siegkarl@gmail.com if you are able to come and indicate how many are coming.
- ◆ **Hospitality Request:** The Elders are requesting an improvement with hospitality. They ask that parents now assist their children as they go through the serving line. This is to help monitor their activity and help assist the children with regard to size of helpings.
- ◆ **Hospitality Teams:** Due to some recent transfers, we are in need of filling vacated spots on our hospitality teams. We encourage our members to consider participation in this program as over the years hospitality has become a wonderful promotion of fellowship among us. Those willing to serve on one of the teams are asked to speak with one of the Elders (Dave Rust, Benno Sydow, or Frank Radichel). It should be noted that there is food available at church to be utilized if any teams wish. We hope that the cost of providing food isn't an obstacle to one's willingness to serve. Please consider serving in this capacity so that we can continue to grow together!
- ◆ **Minnesota Pastoral Conference:** Pastor attended pastoral conference this past week at Mt. Olive Lutheran in Detroit Lakes, MN. This is when CLC pastors from Minnesota gather for in-depth Bible study and for various topics related to the pastoral ministry. It was very edifying. Please let Pastor Hein know if you would like a copy of any of the presentations: Study of Habakkuk 1:7 ff.; Study of 1 Timothy 4:11-16; Proverbs for Today; Forerunners of the Reformation: Wycliffe, Huss, Savonarola; Materials for Our Post Confirmation Young People; Evaluation of "God is Good"; How Do We Help Our Members Live as Considerate Christians; Engagement and Parental Consent.
- ◆ **Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors Day:** This will be held on Fri., Nov. 13 beginning at 10 am in the ILC gymnasium for chapel. It will feature presentations and classroom visits until 3 pm. Come and learn more about your church's college and a continuing education with Christ. Speak with your pastor about questions and attendance. Please convey attendance information and any housing requests to Prof. John Ude, the ILC Academic Dean, before Nov. 11. Office: 715-836-6631, home: 715-955-4127, e-mail john.ude@ilc.edu.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Peter Evensen of Rock of Ages in Grand Rapids, MI, has accepted the call from the CLC Board of Missions to become a resident missionary to India.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work: #5 – Third Commandment**



CLC Coordinating Council Devotion

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might." Ephesians 6:10

We are nearing the celebration of Reformation. The festival of Reformation draws our attention to those who have gone before us, heroes of faith whom the Lord has used to preserve the message of His truth in times of great trial. Most often we focus on the life and work of Martin Luther. But Luther was not the first reformer, nor was he the last. The prophets of the Old Testament were sent by the Lord to reform the Lord's Old Testament people Israel (as well as some of the surrounding nations). The apostles and evangelists of the New Testament were again sent to reform Christ's church. Once again these reformers were not only sent to Jewish people, but to "all nations" (Matthew 28:19). This was no easy task. Peter and John were imprisoned and threatened (Acts 4:3, 18, 21), Stephen was killed (Acts 7:58), other Christians were thrown into prison (Acts 8:3), James was put to death (Acts 12:2) and many more trials were faced.

It's interesting to see that when God's church has faced its greatest challenges, it has also had its greatest opportunities. This can be seen in the reformation ministries of many prophets in the Old Testament, the history of Christ's church in the early New Testament, and even the period of the Lutheran reformation. Challenges are really opportunities in disguise!

The same is true for us. There is again need for reformation! We are not being hunted because of our faith in Christ as Elijah, Jeremiah, Stephen, Peter, James, and John were, or even as Luther was. Yet there is no doubt that there are many challenges before us as members of Christ's church today. With the challenges that we face in the morality of our society and in the convoluted messages of (so-called) salvation which the world offers in place of the Truth, there are many opportunities both here in the United States and among our brethren across the world. Opportunities to encourage one another, opportunities to stand up for the truth, and opportunities to reach out to those who are searching for the truth that God has revealed. The apostle Paul encourages: "Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong" (1 Corinthians 16:13).

May the Lord give us the wisdom and fortitude to be part of His ongoing reformation. Stand fast in the faith, be brave and strong in the face of challenges. When those challenges come, may our gracious Lord help us to see the opportunities that lie before us!

"Here I stand, I cannot do otherwise. God help me. Amen."

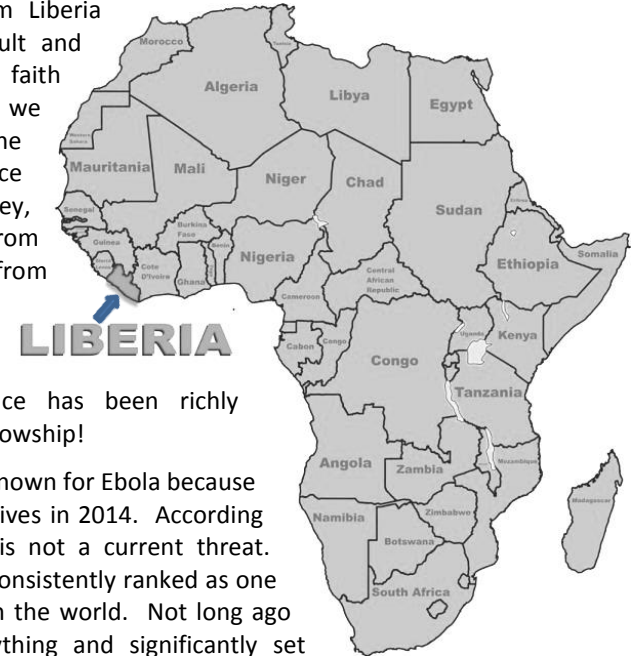
Martin Luther before Emperor Charles V at the Diet of Worms, April 18, 1521

CLC Board of Missions / CLC Coordinating Council – September 2015

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Liberia Update

In 2010 Alvin Jask from Liberia was baptized as an adult and professed his Christian faith according to what we believe and teach from the Bible here at Grace Lutheran Church in Fridley, MN. Since then others from his family originally from Liberia have also joined us. One of his nephews is now enrolled in our Christian School. Grace has been richly blessed through their fellowship!



Liberia is probably best known for Ebola because of how it took so many lives in 2014. According to health officials, this is not a current threat. However, Liberia is still consistently ranked as one of the poorest nations in the world. Not long ago civil war ravaged everything and significantly set back any national progress. There are also a number of people who are physically impaired due to the violence of the war, some missing limbs and without eyesight, others with deformities due to medical inattention. Healthcare is neither readily available nor affordable to many Liberians. On YouTube is a very good documentary that describes the current situation. Search "LIBERIA: Emerging from the Shadows?" (<https://youtu.be/hE10DdX2TIE>).

Even though Liberia has had various setbacks to its progress (e.g., Ebola), the people there have a fervent yearning to rebuild. Because of this, Liberia's current president, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf whom Alvin knows personally, has a number of governmental initiatives in place to rebuild the economy through improvement of roads, infrastructure, healthcare, etc. Alvin has a personal desire to contribute to this process, having an obvious love for his homeland. Having seen and experienced many of the blessings of living in the United States, he wants to take what he has learned to help his people.

But more importantly, Alvin has a stronger desire to share the Good News of salvation found through our Savior, Jesus Christ. It often seems that the Lord's hand is at work when nations have experienced such lows. This pattern was often repeated with God's people throughout Biblical times. During the period of the Judges there was an oft-repeated cycle of repentance after they had experienced devastation. Could this same cycle be part of what is happening in Liberia? One thing we do know, the Gospel always has the power to heal!

From the time he began instruction at Grace and learned about his Savior, Alvin has been committed and excited to share the Gospel in his home country. He has spent a significant amount of his own money to construct a building in order to start a Christian Day School a few miles northeast of Monrovia, the capital city of Liberia. He is now also planning on the construction of a church building nearby. This area is located along the Monrovia-Kakata Highway, a major road which has been recently upgraded. Alvin also has another building in a remote area near Bopolu, about 65 miles north of Monrovia, even though his goal for this to be a Christian Day School has recently been put on hold. This is because the intended teacher, his niece, died of tuberculosis.

For a few years now, Alvin has been making regular trips between Liberia and the United States in order to manage construction and the development of various projects at the compound near Monrovia. He traveled there this July (2015) and intends to stay until January of 2016. These efforts are intended to help his people and to support the ministry of the Word. He has started a well to supply filtered water (something rare there) and to have a laundromat and latrine. Some may already know that Alvin is legally blind. He is taking the tools he has learned in America to also provide training and technological advantages for the sight-impaired, currently with 12 students. Recently Alvin stated that this far exceeds his original expectations. In addition, he is using his IT management training to provide an internet café. The location for this is quite clever as the University of Liberia – Fendell Campus is a few blocks away. Students there currently do not have internet access, so its availability will be a local draw. This campus was recently constructed in 2010, so the area is also developing with some newer construction.

For the past few years, Alvin and Pastor have been sharing ideas as to how to proceed in Liberia. The CLC Board of Missions has also been informed of Alvin's efforts. The key is to have people in place who believe and teach the Bible as we do. Therefore Alvin has been reaching out to many people he knows, especially since he has many contacts through his former job as the spokesman for the Liberia National Police. He now has 25 contacts who are eager for Biblical instruction, including five pastors and a few people who are interested in helping him staff his Christian Day School. Because of this, plans have been in the works to provide face-to-face Biblical training and also investigate whether there could be doctrinal agreement with the pastors.

As reported to the Voters and the Council, Pastor Hein has been making plans for a trip to Liberia. The Elders at Grace have been consulted and are allowing Pastor Hein to proceed as long as Grace is not financially responsible for the trip. Pastor Daniel Fleischer, retired pastor at Grace, is willing to help with the pastoral responsibilities while Pastor Hein would be away. The CLC Board of Missions also desires to help in this effort by sending retired missionary, Pastor David Koenig, to Liberia as well. Things are now quickly unfolding for this effort to materialize. Recently an itinerary was scheduled from November 2nd through November 14th.

Pastor Hein plans to fly out of Minneapolis on November 2nd, travel through Newark, NJ, and Brussels, Belgium, in order to reach Monrovia. Pastor Hein would do some preliminary contact work until Missionary Koenig arrives on

November 8th. During that time, Pastor Hein would meet some of the people who are interested in our Biblical training. He will also meet some of the family of our members here at Grace, including the mother of Rachele Kanneh who has been ill for a number of months. Pastor Hein is also trying to arrange for a few worship services to which others would be invited, including a service on Liberia's national Thanksgiving Day modeled after our own in the United States. Liberia's is on the first Thursday of November.

After this initial phase of the trip, Missionary Koenig would arrive on the evening of November 8th, the evening after Pastor Hein would hold a Sunday worship service. A three-day, all-day, Bible Seminar sponsored by the CLC Board of Missions would then be held from November 9th through 11th. This would be held at the compound which Alvin has built so that the people would get the connection to his effort there. Following this seminar, Pastor Hein and Missionary Koenig would then meet for more in-depth conversations with the pastors and with those interested in staffing the Christian Day School.

Here is a general summary proposed for the trip:

- ⇒ Mon., Nov. 2 – Pastor flies from Minneapolis to Newark to Brussels
- ⇒ Tue., Nov. 3 – Pastor flies from Brussels and arrives at Monrovia
- ⇒ Wed., Nov. 4 – Visit people and Alvin's compound to learn about the school
- ⇒ Thu., Nov. 5 – Thanksgiving worship service and visits
- ⇒ Fri., Nov. 6 – Visit people and prepare for Bible seminar
- ⇒ Sat., Nov. 7 – Visit people and prepare for Bible seminar
- ⇒ Sun., Nov. 8 – Sunday Bible Class and worship service (Koenig arrives)
- ⇒ Mon., Nov. 9 – Bible Seminar
- ⇒ Tue., Nov. 10 – Bible Seminar
- ⇒ Wed., Nov. 11 – Bible Seminar
- ⇒ Thu., Nov. 12 – Meeting with pastors and Christian Day School staff
- ⇒ Fri., Nov. 13 – Possible worship service, conclude visits and depart Liberia

As noted, the CLC Board of Missions is sponsoring Missionary Koenig and the seminar. Pastor Hein is responsible for his own travel, albeit some sponsorship is being provided apart from the congregation and the CLC. It is hoped that this trip can provide Alvin much encouragement in his effort to reach out with God's treasured Word. It is also hoped that following firsthand observations of the situation there by Pastor Hein and Missionary Koenig, Alvin can be provided with some helpful guidance. After reporting these observations to the CLC Board of Missions, future involvement by our church body can be determined.

Please pray that the Lord will richly bless the efforts of this trip to Liberia! To share the Gospel is the most important work with which we can all be involved.

Romans 10:14-18: ¹⁴How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? ¹⁵And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!" ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our report?" ¹⁷So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. ¹⁸But I say, have they not heard? Yes indeed: "Their sound has gone out to all the earth, And their words to the ends of the world."

2016 CLC Mission Helper Trip South India



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(application deadline: January 8, 2016)



The CLC Mission Helper Program, under the direction of the CLC Mission Board, is beginning to make preparations for another Group-Mission Trip to South India for the summer of 2016. The exact dates have yet to be determined, but the work was determined by our Savior when He told us to go into all the world and preach the Gospel. The main focus of this trip will be proclaiming the Gospel, through a series of child evangelism lessons, to member and non-member children in village congregations of the CLC-India and Berea Evangelical Lutheran Church. For those with the necessary qualifications, there will also be opportunity to assist in the training and encouragement of pastors and seminary students.

Listed below are a few ways you can be involved:

Pray for this effort to share the love of Christ in South India. Ask the Lord for guidance and to show you how you can help spread the Gospel.

Begin planning, praying, and saving so you can travel to one of our foreign mission fields to help share the Good News of Christ crucified.

Offer your financial support so others may participate. There is a great need for sponsors.

There are many things you will need to prayerfully consider as you think about volunteering for this trip. What follows is a short list that could be helpful in your consideration:

- The length of the trip will be 3 weeks.
- The approximate cost is \$3000.00—\$3,500.00. This includes airfare and other expenses such as lodging, transportation, travel insurance, passports, visas etc. Vaccinations, anti-malaria meds, and other medical costs are not included in this figure.
- You must be at least 18 years of age (unless accompanied by a parent)
- You will be asked to submit an application accompanied by a letter of recommendation from your pastor.
- Deadline for Applications is January 8, 2016.
- A \$2000 payment will be required by early February.