

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Janelle Hein

Elder: Dave Rust

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

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

Hospitality Team 4: James & April Bomber; Rachelle Kanneh; Heidi Nelson; Bob & Suki Vandever

Church Cleaners: Fleischer School: Flesner

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

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

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

Hospitality Team 5: Andrea Dahl; Mike & Pat Dick; Pat & Dawn Paplow; Frank & Ann Radichel

Church Cleaners: Wales School: Flesner

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

- Sun., Oct. 25:** 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service
11:15 am – Hospitality
- Wed., Oct. 28:** 4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class
- Sat., Oct. 31:** **REFORMATION DAY**
Daylight Saving Time Ends (Turn clocks back 1 hour)
- Sun., Nov. 1:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper
11:15 am – Hospitality
- Nov. 2-14:** Pastor Hein's Trip to Liberia
- Thu., Nov. 5:** THANKSGIVING DAY IN LIBERIA
- Sat., Nov. 7:** 2-4 pm – Karl & Katie Sieg Reception
- Sun., Nov. 8:** 12:00 pm – Council Meeting
- Nov. 9-11:** Bible Training Seminar in Liberia
- Fri., Nov. 13:** 10 am - 3 pm – ILC College Visitors' Day
- Nov. 13 & 14:** 7:00 pm – Band Concert (Fri.), Musical Performances (Sat.)
7:30 pm – ILC Fall Play, "Ramona and Joel"
- Wed., Nov. 25:** 7:00 pm – Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service @ Grace
- Thu., Nov. 26:** **THANKSGIVING DAY**
9:00 am – Thanksgiving Day Worship Service @ Berea

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Church Year: Pentecost 22

Date: October 25, 2015

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 373, st. 1-5: By Grace I'm Saved
TLH 425: All Depends on Our Possessing
TLH 370: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
TLH 644: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
S.S.: TLH 355: Thou Art the Way; To Thee Alone

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 40, TLH p. 132

Liturgy:

TLH, p. 32 f. (Matins)
Offering TLH 441:1-2

Scripture Reading:

Amos 5:6-15
Hebrews 3:1-6

Sermon: Mark 10:17-27

¹⁷Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Do not defraud,' 'Honor your father and your mother.'" ²⁰And he answered and said to Him, "Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth." ²¹Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me." ²²But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. ²³Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, "Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶And they were greatly astonished, saying among themselves, "Who then can be saved?" ²⁷But Jesus looked at them and said, "With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible." (NKJVTM)

How May I Be Certain of Eternal Life?

1. Not by the conditions of the Law, but by Christ's unconditional love
2. Not by trusting in the things of this world, but by trusting in Jesus

✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Work Day:** Thanks to all who helped with work day yesterday.
- ◆ **Reminder:** Next weekend is when Daylight Saving Time ends. Please remember to turn your clock back one hour on Saturday night.
- ◆ **Appreciation:** The family of Richard Cowan would like to thank everyone for the wonderful cards, thoughts and prayers during this very sad time. We are so thankful for the support our Pastor and our church family have shown. Thank you to the ladies that served the wonderful luncheon and the food from members. Thank you to persons that sent memorials. Richard expressed many times how he loved our LORD and that we were blessed with a wonderful place to continue to learn about Him. Thank you again! Jane Cowan
- ◆ **Liberia Trip [from Pastor]:** During my absence in Liberia (Nov. 2-14), Pastor Emeritus Daniel Fleischer will be available. If there is an emergency, you may contact him at 651-340-9231, but keep in mind that Janelle will be around in case you need to contact me.
- ◆ **Liberia Trip [from the Elders]:** The pastor is paying his own way. Grace is not paying for his trip. The Elders would like to let people know if they feel they would like to help defray some of the cost they could put money in the collection and mark it Liberia Trip.
- ◆ **Hospitality Request:** The Elders are requesting that parents now assist their children as they go through the serving line.
- ◆ **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).
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **The Witness:** The Witness is a bi-weekly newsletter aimed towards college-age Christians that features spiritual content produced by the readers, as a way to promote fellowship and strengthen each other's faith in a world hostile to Christ's Church. Our goal is that, by sharing one another's stories and insights from God's Word, the Holy Spirit will increase our faith and so make us better equipped to be bold witnesses of our saving faith. If you would like to receive our newsletter or contribute to it, you can reach us via email (clcwitness@gmail.com) or through our Facebook page.



- ◆ **Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors Day:** This will be held on Fri., Nov. 13. Come learn more about your church's college and a continuing education with Christ. Speak with pastor for information.
- ◆ **Immanuel Dining/Volunteers:** This year Immanuel has a new food service manager with Melanie Sydow at the helm. Each day at www.ilc.edu one can see by the Daily Bulletin that the students are receiving nutritious meals. Melanie replaces Ethel Eder who retired this past year. The supper cook, Kathy Sydow, will be retiring at the end of the current academic year. This past summer the Facilities Manager, Paul Heinze, led a concerted effort by several volunteers to replace the carpeting in the dining hall with some very nice tile. This helped save Immanuel over \$11,000. There was also another significant upgrade by volunteers to the athletic fields with fencing and dugouts. Others also provided electrical service to this area. Many other things happen behind the scenes with countless volunteers. Such a willingness to serve is a marvelous blessing to the Immanuel program!
- ◆ **Germany Trip:** There is a Germany trip on May 23-Jun 6, 2016. It was requested to be set up by German teachers in our CLC high schools. 9 students grades 7 on up through college and 8 adults are going on this trip (teachers and parents). There is room for a few more. Any adults really are welcome but priority will be given to students. Cost is roughly \$3000. While the deadline was October 21, late applications are welcome. Those interested may contact Paula Stelter directly and immediately at askpaula@poinsettiatravel.com.
- ◆ **CLC News:** It's been reported that Pastor Olvera's wife, Claudia, has cancer. Pastor Olvera from Mexico is affiliated with the CLC. ✠ Retired Professor John H. Lau was taken home to be with the Lord on Fri., Oct. 24. In His mercy, the Lord delivered him from this vale of tears one week after he was diagnosed with acute leukemia. He was 89 years old. Prof. Lau was a founding member of the CLC, and served several congregations in our church body before being called to teach at Immanuel High School, College, and Seminary from 1965 to 1997. During that time he served 8 years as ILC's President. A victory service will be held at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire on Tue., Oct. 27, 2 pm. Correspondence may be addressed to 3825 Fairfax St., Eau Claire, WI 54701. *"Even to your old age, I am He, And even to gray hairs I will carry you! I have made, and I will bear; Even I will carry, and will deliver you," Isaiah 46:4.*
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work: #7 – Fifth Commandment**

Last Week's Stats: Oct. 18, 2015			
Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,690.75	CLC: \$820.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,340.00	CLC: 1,060.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+350.75	CLC: -240.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$127,565.21	CLC: \$36,120.20
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	140,280.00	CLC: 44,520.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-12,714.79	CLC: -8,399.80
GLC Other: 231.20	Living Faith: 0.00	Tuition Aid: 5.00	
SAF Endowment: 0.00	MDF: 85.25	Kinship: 100.00	
ILC Student Aid: 20.00	ILC Bldg. 100.00	IIF: 20.00	CEF: 1.00
Current Balances:	Parking Lot:	8,311.00	Tuition Aid: 429.12

CLC E-Devotion – October 24, 2015

Deuteronomy 4:1-2 Now, Israel, hear the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the Lord your God that I give you.

IS COMPROMISE GOOD?

"Let's go out for burgers and fries."

"Well, I was thinking we'd stay home and finish up leftovers."

We encounter differences of opinion every day, and we know that the best way to resolve them is often by compromise. Maybe it's eating leftovers tonight and enjoying burgers tomorrow. Marriages, families, work place relationships, congregations, and friendships all do better when we are willing to give in and make allowances for what others want. What's more, it's an expression of Christian love. Paul encouraged the Philippian believers: "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:3-5).

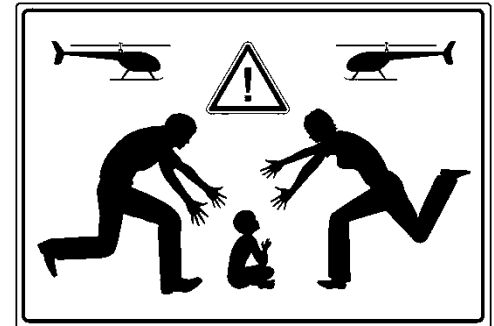
However, there is a time when compromise is not good, but dangerous to our faith and the spiritual wellbeing of others. When it comes to the Bible, there should never be any compromising. How can there be when it is God's holy Word, the only source of eternal, absolute truth? He does not speak to us with the intention that what He says is up for negotiation or alteration. He is God! Who are we to pretend that we know better or that our world which can't begin to solve its current crises has the ultimate answers to life's meaning and purpose? "Let God be true, and every man a liar" (Romans 3:4).

God does not look for our or anyone else's approval. The truth of His Word does not depend on approval ratings. Rather, in love He tells us what we need to know. We need to hear what by nature we don't want to hear, that we are completely corrupt and dead in sin. The psalmist is right: "My guilt has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear" (Psalm 38:4). But the Lord doesn't stop there. He goes on to explain in wonderful detail how He took action to rescue the world from sin and hell by sending His Son to bear the burden for us on the cross. "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us" (2 Corinthians 5:21).

We are under increasing pressure to compromise our faith, to be more "tolerant" of other spiritual paths. "After all," we're told, "aren't we to love others?" But when it is the truth of salvation, the greatest love we can show is to stand on the Spirit-breathed Scriptures without compromising one word.

HELICOPTER PARENTING

A helicopter parent is a parent who pays extremely close attention to a child's experiences and problems. Helicopter parents hover over their children like helicopters hover overhead.



Christian parents have the resources for child-rearing in the Bible. If we accept Scripture we will see that it means first of all being married. The Lord's prescription for marriage is quite simple: Marriage is the life-long union of one man and one woman (Matthew 19:4-6). One of the purposes is to beget children. Spouses in the faith appreciate the truth that children are a gift of God (Genesis 33:5; Isaiah 8:18). Christian parents will recognize their responsibility toward the children the Lord has given them. They bring them early to the Lord in baptism (Mark 10:13-16); they look after nurturing their children in the Lord and His Word (Proverbs 22:6; Ephesians 6:4). In love they exercise appropriate discipline when it is necessary (Proverbs 13:24; Hebrews 12:11).

Educating and training children *begins* in the home. Christian parents will acknowledge that before anyone else, or before any agency, *they* are primarily responsible for the physical, spiritual, and moral training of children.

Scripture has something to say about the physical upbringing of children (1 Timothy 5:8). Our emphasis here however will be the spiritual and moral rearing of children whom God has placed in the home and then through baptism has claimed as His own.

Raising children is not a privilege without responsibility. In fact for parents there is no greater responsibility! Neither is a claim made that parenting is an easy task. Parents who truly love their children want to do the best they can toward their children, and desire to give them the best. The child-rearing task and responsibility begins with parents holding Scripture sacred; they will read it often for their own instruction and comfort. They will consult it frequently for strength and understanding as they desire to raise their children according to the will of God. Nourishing the children faithfully with the Word of God is a top priority. They will set their children an example of steadfast faith and hope in Christ, as well as in godly living.

With Scripture, parents will not shrink from identifying sin in the lives of their children. They will share the Gospel with the children so that they might know the way of salvation through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 3:15). Part of education is worshiping with them faithfully in the assembly of fellow believers. Further, they will use what educational opportunities are available within their church, and to the extent it is possible, so that the *spiritual home-schooling* is affirmed and confirmed in their educational experience. They will want to fortify their children with the Word of God so that they will be able to make spiritual and moral decisions on their own as they grow into responsible adults and, as God wills, parents.

In our weakness and sin, however, parents will confess that they have often succumbed to the world's philosophy. In the full life that we want our children to enjoy, parents frequently we lose sight of what is really important. Too often activities appropriate and contributory to the full life become *more* important than the *one thing needful* — the Word of God and its blessings which will not be taken away (Luke 10:42). Most importantly of all is that the children grow up with a relationship to the Heavenly Father. This relationship is only possible through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and the power of the Spirit.

Recognizing that the responsibility and task is beyond their powers, and that the fruits of their labors depend upon the Heavenly Father's blessing and strength, parents will pray for themselves and their children:

Father, in heaven, You have blessed us with children, and charged us with bringing them up in Your fear, and in the knowledge of their salvation. We pray for forgiveness for our failure to be the parents we should always be. We cannot be such without Your help and wisdom. Bless us with the same and watch over the children precious to you, as souls for whom Jesus died. Send upon them Your Holy Spirit that they joyfully hear Your Word, and remain in the faith unto their calling from this life. Keep them in Your care, and turn away whatever would be hurtful to them in body or in soul. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

If this is considered by some to be helicopter parenting, we make no apology. None! We do not answer to the world, but to the Father in heaven!

Christian parents can be concerned about their children without being the kind of smothering helicopter parents described by a retired Stanford University dean. She noted that incoming students who were academically able seemed incapable of taking care of themselves.

Raising children does not mean they are to be coddled. Children have to learn how to handle disappointment, failure, and difficulty. Children who are given no responsibility in the home, or are excused from it because they don't like it are cheated. They need to learn that the world does not owe them a living. Parents who smother their children, and whose children in their eyes can never do anything wrong, and who defend or excuse them from responsibility are *over-helping* their children. Children must learn that they are accountable for their actions.

Over-helping to protect them from disappointment “robs them of the chance to learn who they are, what they love and how to navigate the world ... We want so badly to help them by shepherding them from milestone to milestone and by shielding them from failure and pain. But overhelping (sic) causes harm,” she writes. “It can leave young adults without the strengths of skill, will and character that are needed to know themselves and to craft a life.” (*)

Children do have to learn to stand on their own feet. Mom and dad will not always be present to do for the children what they can and should do for themselves, shield them from disappointment, or make decisions for them. They need to learn that failure of itself is not debilitating, but an opportunity to learn. If parents set an example in the home of taking responsibility and performing it ..., if parents train the children in the Word to know their God and Savior ..., if parents give them opportunity to grow in confident faith ... the children will learn that they have a loving Father in heaven upon whom they can call. They will understand that life is an opportunity to glorify the Lord, Who in turn will help them make proper moral decisions. Skill, will, and character to which the dean referred comes only from the Word of God through which children also learn that in Jesus they have forgiveness of sins. They are blessed if they have been taught by parents' example and instruction to use their God-given gifts — mental and physical — faithfully. They can face the world and its challenges if they have been taught that the Lord has prepared for them a home in heaven where there is real life with the Lord forever.

Let your children know your love. Let them feel your warm embrace. By the Word set their feet on the path of righteousness and peace. Above all assure them that in Christ, the Lord God is their shield and their exceeding great reward (Genesis 15:1).

*) Julie Lythcott-Haims “How to Raise an Adult: Break Free of the Overparenting Trap and Prepare Your Kid for Success.” (From the *Chicago Tribune*)