

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Janelle Hein *Elder:* Frank Radichel

Ushers: Paul Lentz; Brad Kitzman; Rick Nelson; Keith Radichel; Bob Vandever

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

Hospitality Team: None – Mission Festival

Church Cleaners: A & B Baker *School:* Ecker

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Paul Lentz; Brad Kitzman; Rick Nelson; Keith Radichel; Bob Vandever

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

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

Church Cleaners: Any Volunteers?

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Oct. 9: 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Mission Festival Service (w/Pastor Paul Tiefel)
11:00 am – Potluck and Blood Drive

Mon., Oct. 10: No School – Parent/Teacher Conferences

Oct. 11-14: No School – CLC Teachers Conference (Valentine, NE)

Wed., Oct. 12: 4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class

Sun., Oct. 16: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service
11:00 am – Hospitality
11:30 am – Voters & Dorcas Guild Meetings

Sat., Oct. 29: 9:00 am – Work Day at Grace

Sun., Oct. 30: 4:00 pm – MN Reformation Service (Inver Grove Hts.)

Mon., Oct. 31: Reformation Day (499th Anniversary – Oct. 31, 1517)

Fri., Nov. 11: Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors Day

Nov. 11 & 12: 7:00 pm – Concert and ILC Musical, “She Loves Me”

Last Week's Stats: Oct. 2, 2016 Sun.: 89 S.S.: 13 B.Cl.: 41 Wed.: 19

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,678.25	CLC:	\$734.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,300.00	CLC:	1,000.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-621.75	CLC:	-266.00	
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$114,516.70	CLC:	\$34,810.35	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	132,000.00	CLC:	40,000.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-17,483.30	CLC:	-5,189.65	
GLC Other:	169.50	Living Faith:	50.00	Tuition Aid:	95.00
SAF Endowment:	0.00	MDF:	125.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid:	0.00	ILC Bldg.	125.00	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 0.00
Current Balances:	Parking Lot:	18,290.25	Tuition Aid:	166.12	

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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Date: October 9, 2016

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

WS 778: Grace Has a Thrilling Sound

Choir: Here in the House of the Lord

TLH 496: Hark! The Voice of Jesus Calling (w:2, M:3)

CDS after Sermon: WS 769: Lift High the Cross

WS 770: I Hear the Savior Calling

TLH 505: O'er the Gloomy Hills of Darkness

Worship Prep:

Psalm 66, TLH p. 136

Liturgy:

As projected
(TLH 503 & TLH 496)

Scripture Reading:

John 1:35-51

Sermon: Isaiah 12 (Speaker: Pastor Paul Tiefel)

Jesus is the Life!

By bringing salvation and eternal life to us

He gives us even now a whole new way of living

And in that day you will say:
“O Lord, I will praise You;
Though You were angry with me,
Your anger is turned away, and
You comfort me.

And in that day you will say:
“Praise the Lord, call upon His name;
Declare His deeds among the peoples,
Make mention that His name is exalted.

² Behold, God is my salvation,
I will trust and not be afraid;
‘For Yah, the Lord, is my strength and song;
He also has become my salvation.’”

⁵ Sing to the Lord,
For He has done excellent things;
This is known in all the earth.

³ Therefore with joy you will draw water
From the wells of salvation.

⁶ Cry out and shout, O inhabitant of Zion,
For great is the Holy One of Israel in your midst!”

✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Mission Festival Speaker:** We thank Pastor Paul Tiefel for sharing the reminder today of the importance of sharing the Good News. Pastor Tiefel serves at Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, WI. His wife, Eileen also teaches there. May the Lord bless their ministry.
- ◆ **Mission Festival Potluck:** Following today's worship service is our mission festival potluck meal. Please stay and join us in fellowship! Committee 3 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.
- ◆ **Reformation:** The Minnesota Area CLC Reformation Festival will be held at 4:00 pm on October 30 at Berea Lutheran Church in Inver Grove Heights, MN. The theme will be "The Lutheran Confessions: A Great Reformation Blessing." A fellowship luncheon will be served following the service. Everyone from the area is invited to join us.
- ◆ **Liberia (From the Elders):** Pastor Hein will once again be traveling to Liberia from October 31 to November 12. The intent is to focus on training 5 pastors who have a heightened interest in the truth of God's Word. There will be other sessions with many other pastors and also Bible Class sessions with interested lay people. He requests your prayers for the success of his trip. In the past year our Voters initiated a fund designated for work in Liberia. This will also support Pastor's part of the trip. While our congregation is not intending to take on a foreign mission on its own, it has supported some of what has been taking place there due to Alvin Jask's connection with Grace. The CLC Board of Missions has been involved and plans on sending retired Missionary Koenig as well.
- ◆ **From the Vicar:** Dear members of Grace, brothers and sisters in Christ, it was a great joy and privilege to be able to serve you and train among you in the capacity of vicar for the past two months. I will always look fondly upon the time I spent with you and the relationships I was able to build. I sincerely appreciate all of your support, in every means in which it was given. It was very sad to leave a congregation that has grown so dear to me, but my reason for joy is much greater: that God's word is taught faithfully among you and His gospel message takes precedence at Grace. *"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy"* Philippians 1:2-4. Please keep Jess and me in your prayers, we look forward to seeing you again. May the Lord bless you and keep you! In Christ, Sam Rodebaugh
- ◆ **Tuition Aid Update:** By the end of September there was a sufficient balance to cover the full tuition of all three of our high school students attending Immanuel Lutheran in Eau Claire. This totaled \$4,700 which will be the same amount for the second semester starting in January.
- ◆ **Minnesota Pastoral Conference:** Pastor attended pastoral conference this past week at St. John Lutheran in Okabena, MN. This is when CLC pastors from Minnesota gather for in-depth Bible study and for various topics related to the pastoral ministry. Please let Pastor Hein know if you would like a copy of any of the studies: Habakkuk 1:12 ff.; 1 Timothy 5; CLC/WELS/ELS Joint Statement; and Honor the King.
- ◆ **Immanuel Lutheran Musical:** The fall musical for Immanuel Lutheran, "She Loves Me," will be performed both on November 11 and 12, 7:30 pm, at the campus fieldhouse. A band concert will precede it Friday night at 7 pm and a variety of student musical performances on Saturday night at 7 pm. A switch has occurred in that the musical will be this fall and the play will be in the spring. If you have ever seen the movies "Shop Around the Corner" or "You've Got Mail," they were based on the same play, "She Loves Me," also having the same plot-line. A poster is by the mailboxes.
- ◆ **Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors Day** is November 11 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. Friday evening there is also the opportunity to see the ILC fall musical: *She Loves Me*. Speak with your pastor about questions and attendance. Contact: Prof. John Ude, the ILC academic dean, by November 7. Office: 715-836-6631, home: 715-955-4127, e-mail john.ude@ilc.edu.
- ◆ **2017 CLC Mission Helper Trip to Nepal:** Plans are underway for the CLC Mission Helper Trip to Nepal in July. More information can be found at: www.mht.lutheranmissions.org/2017-nepal.
- ◆ **Christian Women's Retreat:** The Southeast Women's Retreat will be held Nov. 11-13, 2016, in Savannah, GA. Registration forms are available by the guestbook. Contact: Amy Osborne (651-329-3662/newyorker13@hotmail.com) or Pastor Matthew Hanel (972-733-4535/hanel95@hotmail.com).
- ◆ **Who's God's Candidate?** is the title of an outreach seminar that was conducted by Messiah Lutheran of Eau Claire, WI, on September 25. Part one was presented by Pastor Vance Fossum, and was subtitled *"God's Purposes for Earthly Kingdoms – the Government."* Part two was presented by Pastor Bruce Naumann, and was subtitled *"God's Purposes for His Heavenly Kingdom – the Church."* A recording of this seminar is now available for viewing online by going to www.eauclairemessiah.com and clicking on the banner. It can also be ordered in DVD format from Messiah Lutheran, 2015 N. Hastings Way, Eau Claire, WI 54703 - (175) 834-2865. The cost for the DVD is \$3, which covers materials and postage.
- ◆ **Marty Beekman:** In His mercy the Lord took the soul of Marlin Beekman home to Himself very early on Thursday morning. Marty served on the ILC Board of Regents for many years. Visitation: Fuller-Speckien-Hulke Funeral home, 4-7 pm today. Victory service: Messiah, Eau Claire, Mon., Oct. 10, 11 am. Correspondence: The Beekman Family, 3708 Halsey St., Eau Claire, WI 54701.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Paul Tiefel of Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI, has returned the call to Rock of Ages Lutheran in Grand Rapids, MI.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work: #5 – Third Commandment**

Isn't it also true that the LORD has blessed us? He has blessed us greatly! Our iniquity has been removed, our debt of sin paid in full by the perfect life and the substitutionary death of Jesus at Calvary. What greater blessing could we possibly receive? God has blessed us in Christ, that His salvation may be known among all nations. We are His witnesses to the world just as Rahab, Ruth and Elijah were. We proclaim Christ crucified for sinners, redeemed by the blood of Jesus.

We trust in the LORD and in His grace toward us in sending His Son to deal with our sin and the penalty of it. It is our prayer that the LORD would bless us and use us to bring the message of salvation in Christ Jesus to others who are lost in sin or unbelief. Just as our God was selfless in sending Jesus to deliver us from sin and eternal death in hell, so may we also be selfless ambassadors for Christ!

"God shall bless us,

And all the ends of the earth shall fear Him." (Psalm 67:7)

CLC Board of Missions / CLC Coordinating Council – September 2016

August 2016 – CLC Treasurer's Report

<i>CLC Financial Report</i> Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2016	Year to Date Revenue	Year to Date Disbursed	FY 2017 Budget 2 Months	Balance 8/31/2016
General Fund	0	136,256	150,414	\$150,000	-14,158
ILC Operations	0	224,135	183,335	\$124,000	40,800
Total	\$0	\$360,391	\$333,749	\$274,000	\$26,642
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	15,928	897	9,440		7,385
ILC Building Fund	12,682	52,310	32,968		32,024
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	46,243	46,748	30,638		62,353
Kinship	56,626	14,213	12,910		57,929
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	1,291,661	115,355	41,194		1,365,822
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	10,103	17,756	50,241		-22,382
Reserve Fund	119,697	0	0		146,111
Total	\$1,552,940	\$247,279	\$177,391		\$1,649,242

CEF Loan (ILC Academic Center)

Beginning Balance January 1, 2010	\$1,751,804
Current Balance August 31, 2016	\$1,261,244
Change in Principal	\$490,560

Notes:

- * The General Fund offerings in August totaled \$75,339, vs disbursements of \$67,490.
- * The high revenue in ILC Operations is due to ILC opening registration.
- * The large numbers in the ILC Building Fund was from a special offering of which \$17,000 was paid on principal on the loan for the ILC Academic Center.
- * The large balance in the CEF will be needed for the boys dorm renovation (\$300,000) and 2 congregational loans (\$260,000).



GET INVOLVED
**PRAY, SUPPORT
 & ENCOURAGE!**
 July 2017



For More Information Contact: **Pastor Todd Ohlmann** tohlmann@swbell.net

APPLICATION DEADLINE: **JANUARY 13, 2017**

www.mht.lutheranmissions.org

The CLC Mission Helper Program, under the direction of the CLC Mission Board, is beginning to make preparations for another Group-Mission Trip to Nepal for the summer of 2017. 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 Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession of Nepal.

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 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 approx. 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.
- Participants must be at least 18 years of age (unless accompanied by a parent)
- An application accompanied by a letter of recommendation from your pastor will be required.
- Deadline for applications is January 13th, 2017.
- A \$2000 payment will be due in February.



CLC Coordinating Council Devotion

*"God be gracious to us and bless us,
And cause His face to shine upon us.
That Your way may be known on the earth,
Your salvation among all nations" (Psalm 67:1-2).*

When God brought the nation of Israel out of Egypt and established a covenant with them, He promised to bless the children of Israel. Aaron and his sons were tasked with announcing this promise to Israel, and God's people today continue to be assured of His blessing with those same words: *"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace"* (Numbers 6:22-24).

God indeed richly blessed His people Israel, but the LORD's blessing promise is spiritual more than physical. His blessing promise was tied directly to the Savior through whom all the nations of the earth would be blessed (Genesis 12:3). Since the Fall into sin it was always God's desire to save all people, not just the people of Israel only.

In His divine wisdom God has chosen to use His people as the means of bringing His Word of Truth to the unbelieving world. God repeatedly brought Gentiles to faith through the preaching and the witness of His Old Testament people. For example, a Canaanite harlot in the city of Jericho was brought to trust in the LORD through the witness of two spies, and a woman of Moab came to know the true God through her mother-in-law. Consider how the LORD used the witness of Elijah to bring about the confession of the widow of Zarephath, *"Now by this I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is the truth"* (1 Kings 17:24). Remember how the LORD used a little girl as His ambassador to Naaman the Syrian, so that he proclaimed, *"Indeed, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel . . . your servant will no longer offer either burnt offering or sacrifice to other gods, but to the LORD"* (2 Kings 5:15,17). The LORD sent the prophet Obadiah to the people of Edom, Jonah to the people of Assyria, and Daniel to the land of Babylon. Many of those Gentiles also came to believe in the promise of a coming Savior from sin. God blessed His people that His way and salvation would be known among the nations.

**From Victory unto Victory His Army Shall He Lead ...
This Day the Noise of Battle, The Next the Victor's Song**

The Anglican clergyman, Michael Green, has written many books in his 89 years. Among the many are quite a number on evangelism one of which is "Evangelism in the Early Church." As a historian and Christian he wrote, "The enthusiasm to evangelize which marked the early Christians is one of the most remarkable things in the history of religions. Here were men and women of every rank and station in life, of every country in the known world, so convinced that they had discovered the riddle of the universe, so sure of the one true God whom they had come to know, that nothing must stand in the way of their passing on this good news to others. As we have seen, they did it by preaching and personal conversation, by formal discourse and informal testimony, by arguing in the synagogue and by chattering in the laundry. They might be slighted, laughed at, disenfranchised, robbed of their possessions, their homes, even their families, but this would not stop them. They might be reported to the authorities as dangerous atheists, and required to sacrifice to the imperial gods; but they refused to comply. In Christianity they had found something utterly new, authentic and satisfying. They were not prepared to deny Christ even in order to preserve their own lives; and in the manner of their dying they made converts to their faith." Oh for such a faith as this!

Look around you where you live and consider how the Christians are that you know. Look into your own heart and consider if you could be painted into the picture that Green paints of the early Christians.

We are the universal priesthood of all believers in action. As Peter wrote, ... "you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light" (1 Pet. 2:9). God has not changed. Have we as Christians?

"HERE AM I. SEND ME. SEND ME."

Read Luke 15:1-10

When Jesus commissioned His Church to spread the Gospel,

He did not say "Grow!" He said "Go!"

When I was a boy, and I wanted to go someplace or do something, I pestered my parents with great enthusiasm. "Can I go? Huh? Can I? I'll clean my room. I'll go to bed on time. I'll eat Brussel sprouts. Please. Pretty please." This past week I thought: If only I had the same youthful enthusiasm to spread the Gospel of Christ to the lost. "Please, God, can I go? Huh? Pretty please?" Or in the words of the hymnist: "Here am I. Send me. Send me."

The question is not if we should go. The Lord told us to go, saying, "**Go, make disciples of all nations,**" Matthew 28:19. Rather, the question is: What will make us willing to go; willing to seize every opportunity to share Christ; willing to stand up and say, "Here am I, Lord. Send me. Send me"?

Gratitude

A ministry to the lost does not begin in a church building; or in a voters meeting; or with an Excel spreadsheet delineating congregational revenues and expenditures. It begins in the heart. It begins when we see ourselves reflected in the words of Ephesians 5:1-5. "**As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world...All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.**"

These words describe each of us: once dead, now alive; once blind, now seeing; once deaf, now hearing; once lost, now found. And if we understand these words and take them to heart, how can we fail to leap to our feet, saying, "Thank you, God! Here am I. Send me. Send me"?

The great apostle Paul traveled thousands of miles to share the Gospel; founded many Christian churches; and endured enormous hardships for the sake of Christ. What made him so enthusiastic and determined to preach Christ? Gratitude for his own salvation. **“I thank Christ Jesus our Lord,”** he wrote, **“who has given me strength, appointing me to His service...Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst,”** 1 Timothy 1:12,15.

Commitment

In the parables of Luke 15:1-10, when the shepherd realized one sheep was missing, did he wait for a convenient time to search? No. He searched immediately. Likewise, when the woman discovered one coin was missing, did she search halfheartedly? No. She searched diligently. In fact, every Greek word describing her search is in the present tense. She kept the lamp burning. She kept sweeping, scouring, cleaning. She kept looking under the sofa cushions and in the dark corners, until she found the one lost coin. That is commitment.

And nowhere is this ongoing commitment better exemplified than in the ministry of Christ Himself. **“Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the good news of the kingdom,”** Matthew 9:35.

While Jesus always welcomed the multitudes that came to Him, first and foremost He went to them. Some of the most heartwarming accounts in Scripture are those of Jesus seeking out lost and lonely individuals: little Zacchaeus in the sycamore-fig tree; the Samaritan woman at Jacob’s well; the two grieving disciples on the road to Emmaus.

Urgency

Why is Gospel outreach so urgent? Like that lost sheep and lost coin, there are many lost people in the world. Lost-ness, to coin a term, is always frustrating and at times horrifying. But no lost-ness is more dreadful than the lost-ness of not knowing God; not knowing Jesus Christ as Savior; not knowing the peace and forgiveness of the Gospel.

It is said that the evangelist, D.L. Moody, could not talk about hell without weeping. Do we have that same compassion for the lost? Look around. All the people you see are going to one of two places: heaven or hell. No exceptions. Isn’t that reason enough for urgency in our ministries? Isn’t that why we should raise our hands and say, “Here am I, Lord. Send me. Send me”?

And what a priceless message we have to share. Some of the most familiar and cherished passages in Scripture assure us that, when we believe in Christ as our Savior, we will never be lost.

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life,” John 3:16. The Greek word translated as “perish” in this verse is the same word translated as “lost” in the parables of Luke 15. So literally: **“...that whoever believes in Him shall not be LOST but have everlasting life.”**

Joy

My sister Paula and I took care of our ailing stepfather, Andrew Murphy, for several years. With his health in decline, there were times when we had to place him in a rehabilitation facility for medical treatment. On one occasion, Andy was in such a facility for two weeks. Every day he asked, “Can I go home now?” Every day we had to tell him, “No, Andy. Not yet. You haven’t been discharged.” This made him so sad.

But then the day came for his release. And as my sister and I pushed Andy down the long polished corridors of the facility—he was sitting in a wheelchair, with a blanket on his lap, and wearing his old floppy fishing hat—something remarkable happened. One by one, staff members fell in behind us, forming a joyful procession. They waved pom-poms. They blew party noisemakers. They chanted Andy’s name. They patted his bone-thin shoulders and shook his hand. They were celebrating, because Andy Murphy was going home.

I’ve often wished we would do the same—that we would shout, sing, blow noisemakers, and celebrate each time one repentant sinner comes home to God.

I know God does.

Written by Pastor Mark Weis