

## ✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Maureen Ochsner      Elder: Frank Radichel

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: R & H Nelson

## ✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

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

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: A & B Baker      School: Flesner

## ✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

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

**Wed., Oct. 19:** 4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students  
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class

**Sun., Oct. 23:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:00 am – Worship Service  
11:00 am – Hospitality

**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 (499<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Oct. 31, 1517)

**Oct. 31-Nov. 12:** Trip to Liberia

**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. 9, 2016    Sun.: 104    S.S.: 9    B.Cl.: 36    Wed.: 16

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,095.50	CLC:	\$1,710.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,300.00	CLC:	1,000.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-204.50	CLC:	+710.00
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$117,612.20	CLC:	\$36,520.35
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	135,300.00	CLC:	41,000.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-17,687.80	CLC:	-4,479.65
GLC Other: 21.20	Living Faith: 0.00	Tuition Aid: 45.00		
SAF Endowment: 0.00	MDF: 50.00	Kinship: 50.00		
ILC Student Aid: 110.00	ILC Bldg. 140.00	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 0.00	
Current Balances:	Parking Lot: 18,310.25	Tuition Aid: 211.12		

## Grace Lutheran Church & School



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**Church Year:** Pentecost 22

**Phone:** 763-784-8784

**Grades:** Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup>

**Date:** October 16, 2016

## ✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

### Hymns:

TLH 1: Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

TLH 605: The World is Very Evil

WS 703: Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

TLH 50: Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

### Worship Prep:

Psalm 98, TLH p. 144

### Liturgy:

WS, p. 12 (Projected)

### Scripture Reading:

Malachi 4:1-2

2 Thessalonians 3:1-5

### Sermon: Luke 17:20-30

<sup>20</sup> Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God does not come with observation; <sup>21</sup> nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you." <sup>22</sup> Then He said to the disciples, "The days will come when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. <sup>23</sup> And they will say to you, 'Look here!' or 'Look there!' Do not go after them or follow them. <sup>24</sup> For as the lightning that flashes out of one part under heaven shines to the other part under heaven, so also the Son of Man will be in His day. <sup>25</sup> But first He must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. <sup>26</sup> And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: <sup>27</sup> They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. <sup>28</sup> Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; <sup>29</sup> but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. <sup>30</sup> Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed. (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

### "A Nagging Normalcy"

1. It's as the world revels in its wickedness
2. As Christians wait for our Savior's coming

## ✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **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. Guests planning on attending the meal afterwards are being asked to bring a dessert of any kind to share. Music for the service is available from our choir director. Those participating in the male chorus ("Christ Is Our Cornerstone" - practice at 3:20 p.m.), the joint choir ("By Faith" - practice at 3:30 p.m.) and the children's choir (Practice at 3:40 p.m.). As we begin the celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation, we hope that you and your people will be able to join us in celebrating God's grace and our Biblical Lutheran heritage in these last days.
- ◆ **Liberia (From the Elders):** Pastor Hein will once again be traveling to Liberia from Oct. 31 to Nov. 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 other interested pastors and lay people. He requests your prayers for the success of his trip. The Liberia Fund will help support 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.
- ◆ **Immanuel Lutheran Musical:** The fall musical for Immanuel Lutheran, “She Loves Me,” will be performed both on Nov. 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. The play has a similar plot-line as the movies “Shop Around the Corner” or “You’ve Got Mail.” A poster is by the mailboxes. A switch has occurred in that the musical will be this fall and the play will be in the spring.
- ◆ **Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors Day** is Nov. 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. Speak with your pastor about questions and attendance. Contact Prof. John Ude by Nov. 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](http://www.mht.lutheranmissions.org/2017-nepal).
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor David Baker of Our Redeemer's in Red Wing, MN, has received the call to Rock of Ages Lutheran in Grand Rapids, MI.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work: #6 – Fourth Commandment**

## Council Meeting Notes – October 2, 2016

The meeting was called to order with prayer. Roll was taken. The September council meeting minutes were read and approved. The September treasurer's report was read and approved. The vicar gift fund will be closed.

### Pastor's Report

- Motion passed to transfer Jacob Rhinesmith to Living Faith in Eden Prairie
- Motion passed to transfer Annie Rhinesmith to Living Faith in Eden Prairie
- Liberia: Alvin has returned to Liberia. Pastor Hein and possibly Pastor Sauers plans to make a visit this fall. Pastor will be gone 2 Weds. & 1 Sun.
- Vicar Sam Rodebaugh has returned to seminary after vicaring at Grace.

### Elder Report

- Mission Festival and blood drive will be Oct 9. Pastor Tiefel from Eau Claire will be our guest pastor.

### Education Report

- The school open house was held September 12.

### Trustee Report

- October 29 will be a church cleanup day.
- Video surveillance project: A meeting was held with Pastor and Janelle Hein to discuss the current need. Since there is no immediate need and it is not in the budget, it was decided to not move forward right now. A light will be installed on the east side of the building. When Pastor and Janelle determine it is necessary, it will become a higher priority.
- A power line pole is leaning and should be looked at.
- The lawn mower was repaired.

### Other Business

- A previously defined constitutional wording change is recommended to the voters.
- A previously defined change for officer terms is recommended to the voters.
- The following budget for 2017 is recommended to the voters:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Elders	79,000	77,400
Education	57,000	59,000
Trustees	<u>36,000</u>	<u>36,000</u>
	\$172,000	\$172,400

Adapted from minutes by Secretary Roger Ochsner

**Board of Education and Publications** — Funding for various publishing projects, the CLC website, and for the work of the board in providing resources and encouragement in Christian education. The Board of Education and Publications oversees the synod's periodical magazines and the CLC Book House.

**Additional Funds** have been created to support various efforts in the CLC as offerings allow. None of your Mission offerings go to these funds, however, an offering can be designated for these funds at any time.

**ILC Academic Center** — The Academic Center was built with a 30 year mortgage. The monthly payment on the mortgage is \$7,984. Offerings to the Academic Center are applied to the mortgage. The mortgage balance is: \$1,261,301

**Mission Development Fund (MDF)** — This fund finances various extra-budgetary projects and aid efforts. Examples of MDF projects: Bibles for missions, translations, exploratory mission work, rice aid in India, bicycles, motorcycles, disaster relief.

**Project Kinship** — Project Kinship supports orphans in India, Nigeria, East Africa, Nepal as well as seminary students and pastors' widows.

**Student Aid Fund (SAF)** — This fund supports the grants, loans, and work-study offered to students at ILC in an effort to make the Christian education at ILC as affordable as possible.

**ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)** — These funds are used for larger maintenance and capital improvement projects on the ILC campus and its buildings.

**Church Extension Fund (CEF)** — These resources are loaned to congregations at low mortgage rates for building projects. Mortgage payments replenish the fund.

*Regular reports on the work of the CLC appear in weekly bulletins to keep you aware of how our offerings are being used in these areas of God's Kingdom work among us.*



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN COLLEGE

## CLC Coordinating Council Devotion

For a number of years now the local university (University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire) has used a running theme or slogan on its campus signs, official publications, and other forms of publicity. In its own right the theme is catchy—it's "The Power of AND." If I were to guess at an explanation of what is meant, it seems to indicate the goal of engaging UWEC faculty and students to become a successful part of a team effort working together to achieve common goals. Certainly in the secular world, in a corporate business environment, or at a medical facility, this way of thinking and operating makes sense.

However, if we were to adopt that kind of theme at Immanuel Lutheran College (ILC), it would be more than confusing; it would be completely false. In the spiritual area of our Christian identity and welfare, there is no such thing as the power of AND. It's always the power of ONE, beginning with the power of ONE for all. When it comes to the goal of our salvation in Christ, namely, the forgiveness of our sins and our hope of eternal life, Jesus does all the work for us, in our place. If it somehow turned into a power-of-AND situation (think work-righteousness or synergism), it would be doomed to fail, because we on our part would fail. Thankfully, the certainty of our salvation is firmly established by the power of ONE in our place, which is the foundational fact of the Gospel that we have come to know as believers in Christ.

Not only that, the power of ONE for us is also the power of ONE in us. The truth that Christ, in our place, has perfectly lived as our righteousness and vicariously died as the full atonement for all of our sins—that truth has been placed into our hearts by the Spirit. He has caused us to believe it, with the result that God continually lives in us by faith. We now confess as the apostle in Galatians 2: "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who

loved me and gave Himself for me” (Gal. 2:20). That same apostle also said regarding all who believe: “It is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure” (Phil. 2:13).

Even with our daily sanctification what appears to be a power of AND is still the power of ONE creating, sustaining, and strengthening our spiritual life so that we bear the fruits of faith that please Him. This power at work certainly applies to the efforts that we carry out and the goals that we seek here at Immanuel. Every day we need the power of ONE working for us, in us, and through us as teachers. We rely on the power of that same ONE working for the students, in the students, and through the students. With divine grace and might squarely on our side, the power of ONE can’t be dismayed. Here at ILC Jesus brings to pass His promise among us: “Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them” (Matthew 18:20).

Personal growth in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ is a primary goal for all the students at Immanuel, regardless of the department in which they are enrolled. This growth will not happen through the power of AND, but only through the power of ONE. The triune God causes it to be so for His children at Immanuel, and on that basis faculty, staff, and students lay claim to the apostle’s declaration: “Of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—that, as it is written, ‘He who glories, let him glory in the LORD’” (1 Corinthians 1:30).

Professor Steven Sippert / Immanuel Lutheran College President  
CLC Coordinating Council – September 2016

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***Nestled in the quiet beauty Of the tall green pines,  
God has set our Alma Mater, Guiding hearts and minds.  
Built on Jesus’ words of promise – O, Lord, bless her well  
– Thus may e’er our Alma Mater Be Immanuel!***



## My Mission Offering

We are privileged to share in the work of God’s Kingdom with our sister churches in the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC). Offerings that are designated for “Missions” are contributions to the *General Fund* of the

CLC. These offerings collectively support our mission of sharing the Gospel through Christian Education at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College and Seminary and supporting mission congregations in North America, Asia, and Africa.

The CLC Convention budgets the General Fund offerings for the various ministries that we have undertaken as a church body. The budgeted total revenue for this fiscal year (July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017) is \$900,000.

### Your Mission Dollar



**Board of Regents** — The CLC subsidizes the Christian education at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary (ILC) in Eau Claire. The total ILC operating budget is \$1,301,500. The synodical subsidy is 37% of the operating budget. The balance of the operating expenses are funded via student revenue. [www.ilc.edu](http://www.ilc.edu)

**Board of Missions** — Funding for domestic missions (currently six congregations and Traveling Vacation Bible School) and foreign missions (aid to various sister church bodies in foreign fields; two full time missionaries, and additional part-time missionaries).

[www.lutheranmissions.org](http://www.lutheranmissions.org)