

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Janelle Hein Elder: Frank Radichel

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

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

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

Counting Team 3: Brian Eichstadt; Phil Flesner; Chad Hestekin; Benno Sydow

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

Church Cleaners: Any Volunteers? School: Flesner

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

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

Wed., Oct. 26: 4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class

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

Sun., Oct. 30: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service
11:00 am – Hospitality
4:00 pm – MN Reformation Service (Inver Grove Hts.)

Mon., Oct. 31: Reformation Day (499th 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. 16, 2016 Sun.: 91 S.S.: 15 B.Cl.: 40 Wed.: 18

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,375.00	CLC:	\$720.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,300.00	CLC:	1,000.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-925.00	CLC:	-280.00	
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$119,987.20	CLC:	\$37,240.35	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	138,600.00	CLC:	42,000.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-18,612.80	CLC:	-4,759.65	
GLC Other:	181.70	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition Aid:	285.50
SAF Endowment:	10.00	MDF:	100.00	Kinship:	0.00
ILC Student Aid:	150.00	ILC Bldg.	120.00	IIF:	0.00
				CEF:	0.00
Current Balances:		Parking Lot:	18,440.25	Tuition Aid:	496.62

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Church Year: Pentecost 23

Phone: 763-784-8784

Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Date: October 23, 2016

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 190:1-5: Christ the Lord is Risen Again

TLH 141: Enslaved by Sin and Bound in Chains

WS 773: Rise, Shine, You People!

WS 775:3-6: Thy Strong Word

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalms 111, TLH p. 147

Liturgy:

TLH, p. 32 f. (Matins)

Offering TLH 441:1-2

Scripture Reading:

Ruth 1:1-19a

Luke 17:11-19

Sermon: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

⁸ Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer trouble as an evildoer, *even* to the point of chains; but the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. ¹¹ *This is* a faithful saying: For if we died with *Him*, We shall also live with *Him*. ¹² If we endure, We shall also reign with *Him*. If we deny *Him*, He also will deny us. ¹³ If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself. (NKJVTM)

“God’s Unchained Word”

1. Frees us from the chains of sin, death, & the devil
2. Frees us to victory over our chains of life's struggles

✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Work Day:** This coming Saturday will be work day at Grace at 9 am.
- ◆ **Next Sunday:** Next Sunday we will be commemorating the Lutheran Reformation. The Sunday School children will also be singing TLH 16: "Blessed Jesus at Thy Word" next Sunday (Oct 30th) in church.
- ◆ **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 500th 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 is 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."
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Hurricane Relief for Haiti:** The CLC Board of Missions has been in correspondence and doctrinal discussions with a Lutheran pastor in Haiti since he first contacted Pastor Dan Fleischer back in 2013. Pastor Emmanuel Julien serves a congregation on the outskirts of Port-au-Prince and has been sharing the CLC correspondence lessons with twenty-one other Lutheran pastors in Haiti as we work together toward establishing fellowship. The recent Hurricane Matthew that hit Haiti and took the life of more than 1,000 Haitians has also brought much loss and destruction to the pastors and congregations that we are working with. The Board of Missions has authorized an initial \$3000 from the CLC Mission Development Fund (MDF) to assist our fellow Christians with recovery efforts. CLC President Eichstadt has authorized a special offering to replenish the MDF after this unexpected need. A Board of Missions visit to Haiti was already being planned before the hurricane and will now take place in late January or early February. This visitation will serve to assess the recovery efforts we are providing and to visit face to face with Pastor Julien and the other pastors to discuss doctrine and fellowship with the CLC. This trip will be funded through offerings to the MDF as well.
- ◆ **Cheyenne News:** Pastor Seybt reports: "Greetings to you in the Name of the Good Shepherd who gave His life for the sheep and feeds His lambs through His holy Word. It is my joy in the Lord to inform you that last Sunday, October 16, the voters of Redeemer voted to step out in faith and go forward with opening a Christian day school. Praise be to God! "Unless the Lord builds the house, They labor in vain who build it" Psalm 127:1. Thanks in advance for your shared joy, assistance, and prayers.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross in Phoenix, AZ, has received the call to Zion Lutheran in Lawrenceville, GA (Atlanta area).
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work: #6 – Fourth Commandment**

Sola Gratia
Grace Alone

Sola Fide
Faith Alone

Sola Scriptura
Scripture Alone

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 the Pastor. He would be delighted to visit with you!

Voter Meeting Notes – October 16, 2016

The meeting was called to order with a prayer. Roll was taken. The July voter meeting minutes were read and approved. The 3rd quarter treasurer's report was read and approved.

Pastor's Report

- Claire Yannarely was baptized.
- Marvin Wagner passed away.
- The Rhinesmith family was transferred to Living Savior.
- VBS had many non-members.
- The vicar completed his term at Grace and has returned to ILC.
- Pastor's trip to Liberia is being planned. He will be gone 2 Wednesdays and 1 Sunday. An ILC visitation team will be at Grace on that Sunday.

Board of Elders Report

- Thanks to Ryan Mueller for his work on the altar.
- Guidelines for the Liberian fund are being worked on.

Board of Education Report

- August 29 Grace school started with 20 students, 8 non-members.
- September 12 was the school open house.
- Thanks to the staff for picking up the extra work.

Board of Trustees Report

- The lilacs project is complete.
- The lawn mower has been tuned up.

New Business

- The following budget for 2017 was presented and accepted:

	<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

- Discussion followed regarding the staffing in school.
- The 2017 church calendar was presented and accepted. October 29, 2017 Grace will host a special Reformation service.
- A statement in Article VI of the church Constitution was changed to clarify the intent of the statement:
 - Original = The duty of the Board of Education, in conjunction with the Pastor (Principal for Christian Day School), shall be to ...
 - Revised = The duty of the Board of Education, in conjunction with the Pastor and/or Principal(s) for Christian Day School, shall be to ...
- Motion passed to elect a new treasurer in 2018, which then falls into the new 3-year cycle. He can follow himself in this election only.

Adapted from minutes by Secretary Roger Ochsner

Reformations

Otto Hagedorn – October 23, 1927 (Translated by Rev. Timothy Daub)
Evangelisch=Lutherisches Gemeinde=Blatt

The history of the church from Adam up until the present day is the history of countless small reforms and a number of great Reformations.

Reformation is restoration, a recovery of the original form.

One could consider the Flood to be the first great Reformation.

The world at that point was about 1700 years old. In these seventeen centuries, Adam, Seth, Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, and many other great patriarchs proclaimed the Gospel to their children and grandchildren, the Gospel of the true God, who had created heaven and earth, the Gospel of the Savior, who was to come. But the imagination of the human heart was evil continually. The "children of God," who had the Word of God richly among them, despised the revelation of grace and various warnings which God allowed to be bestowed upon them, intermingled themselves with the "children of men," and abandoned communion with God.

Thus came the Flood, the great divine judgment of the early age, the extermination of all human enemies of God, the recovery of the church in her first outward form, Reformation.

But by the time of the death of Noah, about 350 years after the Flood, men had for quite some time already once again abandoned God and had been scattered in all directions through a further judgment, the confusion of languages. Everywhere idol worship and superstition abounded.

Then came what we could call the second great Reformation, not a new, great world judgment, rather in the midst of the tumult of the godless world of man, and nearly unnoticed by it, came an inconspicuous home life, the birth of a nation, of God's chosen people Israel. The offspring of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob became a church-state through the law of Moses, a theocracy, united and established by God Himself with a constitution and bylaws, fixed ceremonial forms, orders, sacraments, and a land that belonged exclusively to them.

But Israel abandoned God's covenant of grace almost as soon as it was established. A Reformation followed in the pattern of the others, already in the times of Moses, Joshua, and the Judges. The Judges were not only generals, who liberated the people from the yoke of political enemies, but reformers, who led the people back to the true God out of heathen idol worship.

Under David and Solomon, there was a relatively long period of spiritual life. But then came the division of the kingdom. Idolatry and godlessness of every kind spread rapidly in spite of the powerful preaching and deeds of the prophets and the earnest endeavors of the individual good kings. And then came Nebuchadnezzar, the Babylonian captivity.

The Reformation under Ezra and Nehemiah, with the reconstruction of the temple and the recovery of the public divine service was the last great event in the history of the Old Testament church.

And then came the Lord Christ in order to make all things new, to fulfill the law and the prophets in their entirety, the new covenant, the New Testament.

That is the proper Reformation, the redemption of the world, the day of the Lord, the eternal Sabbath.

“My kingdom is not of this world.” The church of the New Testament is not the church of any individual people, rather of all peoples and languages. “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.” “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” “Love one another.”

There is no divinely instituted church government, no form established or commanded by God. “The kingdom of God cometh not with observation.”

The Gospel makes the church.

But just as in the days before, so men began to adulterate the Gospel in the days after. They did not want to believe that Christ saved the world. They placed their confidence in their own works, in the intercession of the saints and angels, in the power of the priests, in the authority of the bishops and popes. The magnificent freedom of the children of God, justification by grace alone, was robbed by men, and a spiritual tyranny like the world had never seen advanced in place of the Gospel.

A new Reformation had to come. But how? The papacy was mightier than all worldly empires. Kings and emperors, princes and nations were under his control. In the thousand years of its existence, as gigantic kingdoms rose and fell, the papacy continued to grow in strength as one century followed another.

In Catholic eyes, Luther is a heretic, a false prophet, who was excommunicated from the church.

Yes, Luther was excommunicated, just as the Lord Christ had been excommunicated by the Jewish church 1500 years before, and just as He had forewarned His disciples, “They shall put you out of the synagogues.” In Luther’s excommunication, the church spoke the judgment upon itself.

Luther is not a heretic, but the Noah of the New Testament, who has built the children of God a spiritual ark, where they find refuge from the coming wrath. He is Moses, who has led the people of God out of captivity. He is Ezra and Nehemiah, who has reconstructed the house of the Lord, who has brought the saving Gospel again to light.

Are there yet more great Reformations of church history to come before the last day? That we do not know. That also is of no concern to us. What we have before us to do is to treasure and hold fast to the Gospel now in our possession until the great day appears, when heaven and earth shall pass away, and the last, the eternal Reformation breaks forth like morning’s dawn.

CLC FINANCIAL REPORT September 2016

<i>CLC Financial Report</i>	Balance	Year to Date	Year to Date	FY17 Budget	Balance
Operating Funds	7/1/2016	Revenue	Disbursed	3 Months	9/30/2016
General Fund	0	215,684	236,824	\$225,000	-21,140
ILC Operations	0	371,715	289,998	\$186,000	81,717
Total	\$0	\$587,399	\$526,822	\$411,000	\$60,577
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	15,928	1,307	10,492		6,743
ILC Building Fund	12,682	56,465	40,952		28,195
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	46,243	55,716	66,987		34,972
Kinship	56,626	17,334	26,014		47,946
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	1,291,661	145,748	86,843		1,350,566
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	10,103	32,762	61,497		-18,632
Reserve Fund	119,697	0	0		146,111
Total	\$1,552,940	\$309,332	\$292,785		\$1,595,901

ILC Academic Center Mortgage	
Beginning Balance January 1, 2010	\$1,751,804
Current Balance September 30, 2016	<u>\$1,257,521</u>
Principal paid to date	\$494,283

Comments:

- The General Fund offerings in September totaled \$79,428 vs disbursements of \$86,410.
- Due to higher than usual expenses in September, the General Fund ended the month with a deficit of \$21,140.
- ILC Operations include a CLC monthly subsidy of \$40,000.
- The \$300,000 renovation of the North Hall boys' dorm begins this month. A construction loan will be received from our Church Extension Fund and repaid through special offerings to the ILC Building Fund.
- The Student Aid Fund has a shortfall in offerings of -\$18,632 and will need \$8,000 for the 2nd semester in January.
- The larger ending balance in the Reserve Fund is from a FY16 year-end bookkeeping correction.

*James E. Sandeen, CLC Treasurer
Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees*

