

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Janelle Hein

Elder: Dale Enns

Ushers: Benno Sydow; Gary Gunther; Larry Nelson; Bill Rust; Jeff Stifter

Counting Team 4: James Bomber; Brad Kitzman; Paul Lentz; Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust

Church Cleaners: B. Rust

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Benno Sydow; Gary Gunther; Larry Nelson; Bill Rust; Jeff Stifter

Counting Team 1: Dan Degnan; Dale Enns; Larry Nelson; Ryan Oman; Pat Paplow; Phil Radichel

Church Cleaners: B. Rust

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., June 18: 9:00 am – Worship Service

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

Sun., June 25: 9:00 am – Worship Service

Sun., July 16: Voters and Dorcas Guild Meetings

July 24-28: 9:00-11:30 am – Vacation Bible School

Sun., Aug. 20: Opening at Immanuel Lutheran (Eau Claire, WI)

Mon., Aug. 28: Opening at Grace Lutheran School

Last Week's Stats: June 11, 2017 Sun.: 64

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$1,835.20	CLC:	\$690.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,300.00	CLC:	950.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-1,464.80	CLC:	-260.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$75,042.55	CLC:	\$21,773.00	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	79,200.00	CLC:	22,800.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-4,157.45	CLC:	-1,027.00	
GLC Other:	280.00	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition Aid:	0.00
SAF Endowment:	0.00	MDF:	50.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid:	0.00	ILC Bldg.	100.00	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 0.00
Current Balances:		Parking Lot:	25,601.25	Tuition Aid:	2,679.62

Blessed Father's Day: In a day when the role of Christian fatherhood is often despised or considered outdated, be sure to express your appreciation for what the LORD Himself has given you through your father.

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. - Ephesians 2:8-9

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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Date: June 18, 2017

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 231: We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost

TLH 284: Father of Mercies, in Thy Word

TLH 464: Blest Be the Tie That Binds

TLH 412: May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 143, TLH p. 155

Liturgy:

Adapted from
TLH, p. 32

Scripture Reading:

Deut. 11:18-28

Romans 3:21-28

Sermon: Matthew 7:15-29

¹⁵ "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶ "You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ "Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ "A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹ "Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ "Therefore by their fruits you will know them. ²¹ "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. ²² "Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' ²³ "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!' ²⁴ "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: ²⁵ "and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. ²⁶ "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: ²⁷ "and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall." ²⁸ And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, ²⁹ for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. (NKJVTM)

"Our Responsibility as Fruit Inspectors"

1. You are to test teachings with Scripture
2. You are to recognize false teachings
3. You are to keep your guard against false teachers

✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Father's Day:** A blessed Father's Day to all the fathers among us!
- ◆ **Work Day:** This coming Saturday will be a work day at Grace, starting at 9 am. The focus will be on moving things out of the classroom in order to get ready for the installation of a new roof.
- ◆ **Vacation Bible School:** On July 24-28, 9:00-11:30 am, we will be having our VBS. This includes children age 4 years, to children going into eighth grade. Please register your children on the sheet by the guest book. In preparing for VBS, we will need to put together a staff, including teachers and coordinators for crafts and music. Please consider this labor of love and let Pastor know of your willingness.
- ◆ **Ark Encounter:** Those who still wish to travel with a CLC group to the Ark Encounter may do so on July 25-27. For information, contact Pastor Neal Radichel at pastor@fdllutheran.com.
- ◆ **Island Youth Retreat 2017:** If you are looking for a Christ-centered, friendship-growing, experience-gaining wrap-up to your summer, then sign up today! This is sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran of Mankato, MN. It will be held August 2-6, 2017, 20 miles NE of Mankato. It's for youth entering 9th grade in the fall through just graduated HS. There will be opportunities to dive into the Word with counselors as well as lake activities! For questions, contact islandyouthretreat@gmail.com. More information is available from Pastor Hein.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Michael Roehl of St. Paul Lutheran in Bismarck, ND, has returned the call to be co-pastor at Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN. ✠ Pastor Jim Albrecht of St. John's Lutheran in Okabena, MN, has received the call to St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran in Lemmon, SD. ✠ Mrs. Rebecca Lillo of Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI, has accepted the call to be the second teacher at St. Stephen Lutheran in Mountain View, CA. ✠ Teacher Amy Mielke of Messiah Lutheran in Hales Corners, WI (Milwaukee area) has the call to Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI. ✠ Teacher Joshua Ohlmann of Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ, has accepted the call to teach grades 1-8 at Grace Lutheran in Sleepy Eye, MN. ✠ Teacher Quinn Sprengeler of Redemption Lutheran in Lynnwood, WA (Seattle area), has returned the call to Redeemer Lutheran in Cheyenne, WY.



CLC Pastoral Conference Reaction to the Joint Statement



This past week Pastor Hein attended the CLC General Pastoral Conference in Eau Claire, WI. Much time was spent considering "The Joint Statement Regarding Termination of Fellowship," a document written by a committee of three from each of the three church bodies, the CLC (Church of the Lutheran Confession – our church body), WELS (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod), and ELS (Evangelical Lutheran Synod) with the intent to find if there is now doctrinal agreement on church fellowship. These church bodies also recognize that there are other doctrinal differences yet to discuss. The 2016 CLC Convention requested that the pastors study this statement and provide a recommendation to the 2018 CLC Convention.

Romans 16:17-18 says: "Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple." What we are taught by our Lord in His holy Word, in this passage and others (cf., Matthew 7:15), led to the formation of the CLC when the WELS and ELS had ventured away from the truth as well as sound practice in the matter of church fellowship. The WELS and ELS, in the past and by current practice, have repeatedly failed to take action in separating from false teaching church bodies and semi-religious organizations, even after they have determined that they are teaching falsely. They have made a number of official statements that make separation from false teachers and church bodies a matter of timing based upon human judgment.

Instead, the Scriptures are clear that separation is to occur with those who are causing divisions and offenses contrary to the Word of God. Such separation in obedience to God's Word is for our benefit so that we are not deceived and thereby led away from God's truth. But it also serves to the benefit of the false teachers in that such action can lead them to see the seriousness of departing from God's truth. Because the Joint Statement has unclear statements that are subject to varying interpretations and because the WELS and ELS have official writings and actions that conflict with it, writings and actions that they still defend today or that they explain away, the pastoral conference is not recommending adoption of this Joint Statement. Sometime in the future, Pastor Hein intends to cover this matter in Bible Class.

Note: The recommendation of the CLC pastors to the CLC Convention is included.

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 Pastor Hein. He would be delighted to speak with you!