

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Al Rosendahl

Ushers: Larry Brandt; Jeremiah Boe; Nick Duehlmeier;
Dale Enns; Duane Enns

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

Hospitality Team 6: Jan Davis, Chad & Amanda Hestekin;
Ryan & Mikey Oman; Eli & Laura Wales

Church Cleaners: Rust School: Middleton

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Larry Brandt; Jeremiah Boe; Nick Duehlmeier;
Dale Enns; Duane Enns

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

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

Church Cleaners: Rust School: Nelson

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Apr. 22: 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Easter 4)
11:00 am – Hospitality
11:30 am – Voters Meeting

Wed., Apr. 25: 4:30-6:15 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00-8:30 pm – Confirmation Preparation

Fri., Apr. 27: Immanuel Lutheran H.S. Visitors Day @ Eau Claire, WI

Apr. 27-28: 7:30 pm – Immanuel Play, "Ask Any Girl," @ Fieldhouse

Sat., Apr. 28: 9:00 am – Grace Work Day

Sun., Apr. 29: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Easter 5)
11:00 am – Hospitality
11:30 am – Dorcas Guild Meeting

Thu., May 10: 7:00 pm – Ascension Day Worship Service

Fri., May 11: Field Day (5th-8th grade, by Berea in Inver Grove Hts.)

Fri., May 18: 3:00 pm – Immanuel Class Day @ ILC Fieldhouse
7:30 pm – Immanuel Spring Concert @ Messiah Lutheran

Sat., May 19: 10:00 am – Immanuel Graduation Service @ Fieldhouse

Sun., May 20: Confirmation Sunday

Thu., May 24: 7:00 pm – Grace School Spring Program

Fri., May 25: 12:00 pm – Grace School Dismissal for Summer

Sun., May 27: Graduation Sunday & Summer Worship Schedule Begins

Sat., June 9: MN Delegate Conference @ Grace Lutheran

June 21-24: CLC Convention (Eau Claire, WI)

July 23-27: Vacation Bible School

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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Easter 4

Date: April 22, 2018

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

WS 728: Christ Is Living
TLH 331: Yea, as I Live, Jehovah Saith
TLH 190: Christ the Lord is Risen Again
WS 730: Now Let the Heav'ns Be Joyful

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 16, TLH p. 125

Liturgy:

WS, p. 12
Psalm 118: WS, p. 29

Scripture Readings:

1 John 5:1-6
John 20:19-31

Sermon: Acts 3:12-20

¹² So when Peter saw *it*, he responded to the people: "Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?" ¹³ "The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His Servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let *Him* go. ¹⁴ "But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵ "and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses. ¹⁶ "And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which *comes* through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all. ¹⁷ "Yet now, brethren, I know that you did *it* in ignorance, as *did* also your rulers. ¹⁸ "But those things which God foretold by the mouth of all His prophets, that the Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled. ¹⁹ "Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, ²⁰ "and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, ..." (NKJVTM)

Repent with a Leap in Your Step

✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Voters Meeting:** Today following hospitality.
- ◆ **Dorcas Guild Meeting:** Next Sunday following hospitality.
- ◆ **Midweek Bible Class:** Because of preparation for Confirmation on Wednesday evening, Midweek Bible Class is cancelled.
- ◆ **Grace Lutheran School** staff is already beginning to plan for the 2018-19 school year. If you are interested in enrolling your child in our school, please speak to one of the teachers for an enrollment form.
- ◆ **Immanuel High School Visitors Day:** Young people grades 7 and up are invited to attend Immanuel Lutheran High School Visitors Day in Eau Claire, WI, this Friday, April 27. Students will have an opportunity to experience firsthand what it would be like to attend Immanuel. If interested in this, please speak with Pastor.
- ◆ **Graduates:** Please list any member of Grace that is graduating this year (Jan-Dec 2018) on the sheet on the tract rack table. Include the school's name and the degree. Our Graduation Sunday is May 27. Daniel Hein, Nicole Holmberg, and Alieu Kanneh will also graduate from Grace School that day.
- ◆ **Immanuel Clothing:** Andy Buck has again put together a short-term ordering opportunity for Immanuel clothing. This quality apparel can be worn to promote the school with which our Lord has richly blessed us. These items are available for ordering until April 29 with an option to ship or pick up in Eau Claire. Go to: chippewavalleysportinggoods.itemorder.com and enter "lancers18" as the sale code. Contact Andy for questions (andy.buck@cv-sports.com/715.836.6840). The CLC Bookhouse also has a few items available.
- ◆ **Invitation:** In grateful thanks and praise to the Lord for His grace, St. Stephen Lutheran in Mountain View, CA (San Francisco area) is planning a 50th Anniversary celebration on Sunday, July 22, 2018. All are invited to attend, especially those throughout the CLC who are former members of St. Stephen. Itinerary: 10am - 50th Anniversary worship service; Noon - meal & 50th Anniversary Presentations at the Adobe Building in Mountain View. If attending, please RSVP for planning, Leslie Horrillo (408-891-3325/lehorrillo@aol.com) or Pastor Luke Bernthal (402-389-2147/LBernthal@live.com).



- ◆ **Dorm Supervisor:** ILC is in need of a boys' dormitory supervisor for the 2018-19 school year. Men who are CLC members in good standing and are able and willing to fill this position should ask the pastor for more information about the responsibilities and compensation for this position. Those who are interested in applying should contact the ILC president, Prof. Steve Sippert (steve.sippert@ilc.edu, 715-523-1138) for an application or for more information. The deadline for applications is May 21.
- ◆ **Arise and Shine:** is coming up June 14-17 at Camp JIM in Pillager, MN. If you are in your 20's or 30's (or thereabouts), please join us for this faith-building weekend. The theme this year is "Discipl(in)e," "For the Lord disciplines the one He loves, and chastises every son whom He receives." For more info & to register, go to: www.ariseandshineretreat.com. The cost is \$140 per adult (12 & up) and \$100 per child. Child care is provided at no additional charge. Please register by May 25, so we can arrange child care assistance. If you have any questions, please contact: Pastor Sam Rodebaugh - sam.rodebaugh@gmail.com - (414) 534-7279 | Josh Ohlmann - joshohlmann@swbell.net - (314)874-9184 | Kym Stelter - kjstelter@gmail.com - (507) 327-2076.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Teacher Valerie Hammett has accepted the lower grade part-time call to Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI. ✠ Teacher Amy Mielke of Messiah Lutheran in Hales Corners, WI (Milwaukee area) has accepted the full-time 3rd-4th grade call at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI. ✠ Mrs. Jane Murch and Teacher Valerie Hammett have returned their music teacher calls to Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI. Mrs. Lisa Noeldner has received the call for this position. ✠ Pastor Matthew Hanel of St. Mathew Lutheran in Dallas, TX, has received the call to Berea Lutheran in Inver Grove Hts, MN, and a separate call to Luther Memorial of Fond du Lac, WI. ✠ Teacher Andrew Roehl of Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI, has returned the call to Faith Lutheran in Markesan, WI. ✠ Prof. Steven Sippert has received and accepted the call to serve as ILC President for the next two years. ✠ The Call Committee on Graduates assigned the one graduate from the ILC teaching program, Mrs. Michaela Winters, to Messiah Lutheran in Hales Corners, WI (Milwaukee area). She has accepted this call.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #23 – Baptism, Parts 1 and 2.

Last Week's Stats: Apr. 8, 2018 Sun.: 97 S.S.: 15 B.Cl.: 40

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| Sun. Offering: | Grace: | \$2,760.00 | CLC: | \$920.00 | |
| Weekly Need: | Grace: | 3,700.00 | CLC: | 1,000.00 | |
| -Under / +Over: | Grace: | -940.00 | CLC: | -80.00 | |
| Year-to-Date Offering:: | Grace: | \$48,060.00 | CLC: | \$13,685.00 | |
| Year-to-Date Need: | Grace: | 51,800.00 | CLC: | 14,000.00 | |
| Year-to-Date (+/-) | Grace: | -3,740.00 | CLC: | -315.00 | |
| GLC Other: | 362.00 | Living Faith: | 10.00 | Tuition Aid: | 120.00 |
| SAF Endowment: | 0.00 | MDF: | 175.00 | Kinship: | 150.00 |
| ILC Student Aid: | 10.00 | ILC Bldg. | 0.00 | IIF: 0.00 | CEF: 0.00 |
| Current Balances: | Parking Lot: | \$45,586 | Tuition Aid: | \$1,621 | |

Council Meeting Notes – April 8, 2018

The meeting was called to order. Roll was taken. The March Council meeting minutes were read and approved. The March treasurer's report was presented and approved.

Pastor's Report

- Midweek Lent and Easter attendance were low this year.
- April 27 is Visitor's Day at ILC. All 7th and 8th graders plan to attend.
- May 10 is Ascension service.
- June 9 is MN Delegate Conference at Grace.
- Pastor Joseph Kwiwalazu had a successful trip to Guinea.

Board of Elders Report

- Easter breakfast went well.
- Motion passed to adopt a Cell Phone Use Policy.

Board of Education Report

- April 12, this Thursday, is the Grace student fair.
- April 23-25 are Iowa Basic Tests.
- April 27 is Visitor's Day at ILC.
- May 11 is field day.
- May 25 is the school picnic.
- June 7 is the Spring Lake Park parade. Updates are being made to the flyer. The Fridley parade was considered, but they do not allow handouts, so it was determined not to participate in that one.
- Bathroom changes are being worked on to make those by the school room into family bathrooms.

Board of Trustees Report

- The audit of the 2017 treasurer's books are complete, and everything is correct.
- An estimate of \$50,500 was received from ARP to improve our parking lot. The center island with the flag will be removed, and the flag will be installed somewhere else.
- Changes to the sanctuary are being considered.

Other Business

- The Board of Ed. plans to recommend to Voters to call Ellen Bergstrom to be a volunteer teacher. Her call to be part-time principal continues as a separate call.
- Discussion centered around allergies due to specific flowers.

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary Roger Ochsner

CLC E-Devotion – Saturday, April 14, 2018

Revelation 14:13 Blessed are the dead which die in the LORD.

DEATH TAKES AN ETERNAL HOLIDAY

Some years ago a TV movie was shown, entitled "Death Takes A Holiday." In this film Death, which was personified, felt that people simply did not understand the wonderful purpose it served. Seeing no other recourse, Death decided to "take a holiday," to remove himself from the world for a period of 24 hours. Disasters and tragic accidents occurred, grave illnesses ravaged bodies and filled hospital ICUs, and the elderly continued their decline -- but no one died. Suddenly, people began to realize that death is a vital part of life, that the world desperately needs it. The movie ended on a positive note with Death explaining how he stood for deliverance from all pain and unpleasanties.

The message of this film reflects the only possible explanation and comfort a godless world can draw from death -- the end of earthly troubles.

And yet, as Scripture clearly teaches and even natural man senses, death is not the end. There is "something" beyond the grave; and that "something" involves facing some kind of divine tribunal who will judge them and their lives. Death is not a vital part of life. It is a dreaded enemy that leads to judgment.

How wonderful is the Easter message! It says to us that Death Takes An Eternal Holiday! Because of the crucified and risen Christ, death has been overcome and obliterated and it shall never return. To be sure physical "death" still awaits us as a sin-residual. Yet in Christ it becomes the passageway to life eternal. Death's sting is gone for all who believe in Christ as their Savior. Today man still seeks his own ways of co-existing, coping, and being comfortable with death. Yet without Christ, death must always remain that one last, great, mysterious, undeniable, and inescapable reality that simply will not go away. There is an eternally better way -- found in Him who is risen, who lives, and who promises His believing followers: "Because I live, you also shall live!"

Thanks be to God, who has given death an eternal holiday!

-- From the "Lutheran Spokesman"

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE, & SEMINARY

ILC President Devotion – April 2018

“He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ” (Ephesians 4:11-12 NKJV).



The Church of Christ certainly benefits from its public ministers, whom He provides in the aftermath of His ascension to glory. So writes Paul in Ephesians 4. In our church body we experience those benefits as our pastors provide the Law and Gospel of God's Word every week. They serve us in dispensing the sacraments, instructing members in the truth of Scripture, counseling the spiritually distressed, admonishing the spiritually erring, comforting the sick and dying, and leading the flock of Christ as the extension of the Good Shepherd Himself. Likewise, the teachers of our churches' schools are at work instructing the lambs of God's fold. Through their service as well the Lord provides a valuable Christian education to the children enrolled, helping them to grow in the knowledge of His saving truth in the Bible.

We give thanks to God for the pastors and teachers He has placed among us, while noting a common point of origin. Where did many of them learn the skills to carry out their work? Where did they get their education? In most cases the pastors and teachers of our synod have received their ministry training at Immanuel Lutheran College and Seminary. At Immanuel in all of its departments, Christ is at work “equipping the saints for the work of the ministry.” At Immanuel the Lord is preparing public ministers, both pastors and teachers, to serve His church with the light of His Word. At ILC He also prepares lay people as workers and witnesses in His kingdom. It's a Trinitarian endeavor in that by the Spirit's work through the Word about Christ, God is bringing up His children in the knowledge of the truth whereby

He is strengthening their faith in His Son. We thank God for these benefits at Immanuel and also for His gift of Immanuel as a well-spring of Christian education and ministry training for the CLC for over fifty years.

Thus Immanuel is a gift that belongs to all of us. It is the institution God has used to provide called workers to the CLC. It is the institution God has used to instruct the minds and strengthen the faith of many of the members within our fellowship. It is a place where Christ is glorified in the proclamation, instruction, and counsel of the Gospel. Immanuel is a wonderful blessing for CLC members to claim as their own in specific ways. Sending students and helping students to attend ILC will stand out as one of those ways. Supporting the school in prayer is tremendously helpful as well. Asking God to provide Immanuel with the students and resources that it needs and to provide the faculty and staff with wisdom and strength—such prayers can be made in the confidence that God will answer with what is needed. One of the needs met will come in the support of offerings. As a gift given first to God Himself, CLC offerings help ILC to continue the work that the church body has given the school to do on its behalf and in the name of Him who is our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier.

We have much for which to thank God, ranging from the daily earthly blessings to the greater gifts that relate directly to our spiritual and eternal welfare. Yes, the greatest thing for which to thank God is His loving act of giving His only Son to live, die, and rise for us so that we are no longer doomed to eternal punishment but instead have the forgiveness of sins and eternal life in heaven. Thanks be to God for those He has sent to provide us with His message of our salvation, made certain in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. Thanks be to God for the school that instructs the church's pastors, teachers, and many of its lay people. May He continue to bless Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary not only for the students who go there, but also for the congregations and parochial schools, which have also come to be by the God who washed us clean in the blood of the Lamb, the One who is our chief cornerstone, our Immanuel—God with us.

Prof. Steve Sippert, ILC president