

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: **Maureen Ochsner** Elder: **Al Rosendahl**
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**

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: **Larry Brandt; Jeremiah Boe; Nick Duehlmeier;**
Dale Enns; Duane Enns
Counting Team 2: **Gary Gunther; Rick Nelson; Bill Rust; Bob**
Vandever; Clint Welker
Hospitality Team 2: **Brian & Maureen Eichstadt; Janelle**
Hein; Jenny Kleifgen; Chris Lentz
Church Cleaners: **Oman** School: **Oman**

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Apr. 29: 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Easter 5)
11:00 am – Hospitality
11:30 am – Dorcas Guild Meeting
Wed., May 2: 4:30-6:15 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00-8:30 pm – Confirmation Preparation
Thu., May 3: 7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class
Sun., May 6: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper (Easter 6)
11:00 am – Hospitality
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
10:00 am – Immanuel Graduation Service @ Fieldhouse
Sat., May 19: Confirmation Sunday
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
Thu., June 7: Spring Lake Park Parade
Sat., June 9: 10:00 am-6:00 pm – MN Delegate Conf. @ Grace Lutheran
June 21-24: CLC Convention (Eau Claire, WI)
July 23-27: Vacation Bible School

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Easter 5

Date: April 29, 2018

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 436: The Lord's My Shepherd
LSB 711: Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
TLH 493: Thou Who the Night in Prayer Didst Spend
TLH 51: Now May He Who from the Dead

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 23, TLH p. 128

Liturgy:

TLH, p. 5 (Projected)
Gloria: TLH 200:1,8

Scripture Readings:

Ezekiel 34:1-15
1 Peter 5:1-11

Sermon: John 21:15-19

¹⁵ So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Feed My lambs." ¹⁶ He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep." ¹⁸ "Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish." ¹⁹ This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me." (NKJVTM)

Encounter Your Shepherd's Love

Jesus, the Good Shepherd

Lutheran Spokesman | May, 2017 | Pastor Michael Roehl

Communication requires two things: a sender and a receiver. The most powerful transmitter in the world is worthless if no one turns on a radio, and all of the radios in the world are of little use if no one is broadcasting.

The same holds true with human interaction. Someone has to send, someone else has to receive. If either one is missing, communication fails. Wives tend to understand this, since husbands tend to have their “radios” turned off *a lot*. Kids too, for that matter. And yet wives and moms just keep transmitting ...

Why is this general topic so important? Because as Christians, you and I are in the communication business. That’s our job, that’s our calling, that’s our mission—and it ought to be our passion. When we listen to God’s Word, we are supposed to be the radios, receiving and actually *hearing* God’s message to us. But our life’s work is to be transmitters. In leaving us with His Great Commission, our Lord commanded us to center our lives upon the communication of the Gospel, which we all agree is the key to eternal life. The message we are to broadcast is very simple: Whoever believes that Jesus paid for the sins of the world through His sinless life and innocent death on the cross will be saved.

Understand that this is not *part* of our life’s work; this is our life.

It is the sum and substance. Failure in every other secular pursuit is as nothing if we but succeed in our calling to “*go and make disciples*” for Jesus Christ. You and I are supposed to be the “senders” of the information—the transmitters. If Christians fail in this critical mission, Gospel communication fails. No one is saved by what they don’t hear. If Gospel communication fails, it must never be the transmitters who fail. Our communication can take many forms. Our actions often speak louder than our words. But while our actions might make those around us curious, it is always and only the Word of God that can convert and save, for through that Word alone the Holy Spirit works.

Jesus, of course, was the master Communicator.

That means that whenever and whatever He communicated to us had a point and a purpose. It carried depth and wisdom. He used no pointless or “throw-away” words. That means that every word He spoke, every picture that He drew, every lesson that He taught deserves our careful study. So also, Jesus once said, “*I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.*” (John 10:11 ESV)

There are many things going on in those two simple sentences. A thorough analysis would fill pages, so we focus on just a few. First, if Jesus is the Shepherd, then we are the sheep. Sheep are stupid. Sheep are careless, helpless, and really good at getting themselves into predicaments from which they need to be rescued. I once heard a rancher explain how sheep, when attacked by a wolf, will run—but only until one of their flock is caught. They will then just stand and watch, until the wolf (which never tires of killing) looks for another victim.

That’s us, only we can’t even see our wolf, let alone defend ourselves. Our natural dilemma, once we come to realize the danger, is incapacitating and terrifying. We can only stand there, stupidly, waiting for our inevitable eternal destruction.

It’s then that our Good Shepherd enters the picture and places Himself between us and our terrifying enemy. More than that, our Good Shepherd “*lays down his life for the sheep.*” By His sacrificial death, He gives us life.

This is the simple, sublime message of the Gospel. This is what we have *received* from our God, and our life’s work is to communicate this life-giving truth to the world. The Good Shepherd has, once and for all, laid down His life for the sheep. Forgiveness and life are His gifts to mankind.

Voter Meeting Notes – April 22, 2018

The meeting was called to order with prayer. The January voter meeting minutes were approved as amended. The special February 18 voter meeting minutes were approved. The 1st quarter treasurer’s report was approved.

Pastor’s Report

- A letter of thanks was received from Michaela Winters, our student teacher.
- Lenten and Easter attendance were low this year.
- Pastor Joseph is now in Guinea.
- April 27 is ILC Visitors Day.
- May 20 is confirmation for Daniel Hein, Alieu Kanneh, and Elaina Yang.
- June 9 is MN Delegate Conf. at Grace. Everyone is encouraged to attend.
- June 21-24 is the CLC Convention in Eau Claire.

Board of Elders Report

- Voter attendance is being reviewed.
- The Easter breakfast went well.

Board of Education Report

- March 8 was the last day for our student teacher, Michaela Winters.
- Ideas for the use of the Schuetzler memorial funds are being discussed.
- April 23-25 are Iowa Basic Tests.
- May 11 is field day.
- May 25 is the school picnic.
- June 7 is the Spring Lake Park parade. The flyer will include VBS info.
- June 14 is the Fridley parade, which is being considered.
- The school calendar for 2018-2019 is being created.
- The student fair went well.
- Ellen Bergstrom’s call as part-time principal will continue. Motion passed to call Ellen to be a part-time volunteer teacher. Her paid teacher call will end.

Board of Trustees Report

- Motion passed to accept a bid of \$50,500 and to repair the parking lot. Work will be performed this summer.
- A design consultant will be asked to assist with enhancing our sanctuary.
- Code restrictions are being reviewed for changing the school bathrooms into family bathrooms.
- Appreciation expressed for last summer’s roofing accomplishments.

Other Business

- Offering counting procedures:
 - The process of not sending coin to the bank is working well, as the bank does not want to count loose coin.
 - Some offerings are starting to come directly from individual’s IRA’s. When recording these offerings, the counters should note “Qualified Charitable Distribution” in the comments.

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary Roger Ochsner

♦ **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.

♦ **Invitation:** St. Stephen Lutheran in Mountain View, CA (San Francisco area) will celebrate its 50th Anniversary on Sun., July 22. All are invited to attend, especially former members of St. Stephen. Itinerary: 10am - worship service; Noon - meal & 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).

♦ **CLC News:** Teacher Ellen Bergstrom has received and accepted the call to be part-time volunteer teacher at Grace Lutheran in Fridley, MN. † Teacher Ted Quade of Messiah Lutheran in Hales Corners, WI (Milwaukee area) has received the call to be principal/teacher at Faith Lutheran in Markesan, WI. † Teacher Kirsten Gullerud of St. Stephen Lutheran in Mountain View, CA (San Francisco area) has the call to be teacher at Redeemer Lutheran in Cheyenne, WY.

♦ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #24 – Baptism, Parts 3 and 4.

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 visit with you!

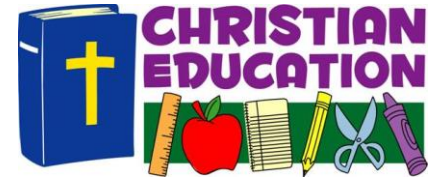
Last Week's Stats: Apr. 22, 2018 Sun.: 95 S.S.: 12 B.Cl.: 44 Thu.: 15

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$6,057.00	CLC:	\$2,450.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,700.00	CLC:	1,000.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+2,357.00	CLC:	+1,450.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$54,117.00	CLC:	\$16,135.00
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	59,200.00	CLC:	16,000.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-5,083.00	CLC:	+135.00
GLC Other: 1,211.00	Living Faith: 0.00	Tuition Aid: 390.00		
SAF Endowment: 0.00	MDF: 150.00	Kinship: 100.00		
ILC Student Aid: 10.00	ILC Bldg. 330.00	IIF: 0.00 CEF: 0.00		
Current Balances:	Parking Lot: \$46,774	Tuition Aid: \$2,011		

✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

♦ **Dorcas Guild Meeting:** Today following hospitality.

♦ **Teacher Call:** Last Sunday the Voters of Grace extended to Mrs. Ellen Bergstrom a part-time volunteer teacher call. She had discussed this as a possibility with the Board of Education given the circumstances of her current call ending this school year as the second full-time teacher call begins. Mrs. Bergstrom has now accepted this call. Her particular call as co-principal would continue. She writes, "With a thankful heart I accept the part-time call to teach in addition to serving as co-principal of Grace Lutheran School. It is a joy to continue to serve the Lord in this way and assist the congregation in His command to 'feed My lambs' by sharing His word in all aspects of education in our Christian Day School." May the Lord richly bless her teaching ministry!



♦ **Grace Lutheran School** staff is 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.

♦ **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 Aliue Kanneh will also graduate from Grace School that day.

♦ **Lutheran Spokesman:** The Lutheran Spokesman is a publication by the CLC which is dedicated to sharing rich, devotional messages for our spiritual edification. Those who currently receive the publication are listed on a sheet by the guestbook. If you no longer wish to receive it, please cross out your name. If you don't receive it and would like to, please sign up. The congregation covers the cost.

♦ **The Branches:** "The Branches" renewal list is by the guest book. This is a quarterly publication for Christian women. Please check your name if you want to continue receiving this publication, making any corrections to the listed information. If you are not receiving "The Branches" now is the time to add your name to the list. The congregation pays for the subscription.

♦ **Savings Potential:** For those over 70½ it may be beneficial for you to send your offerings directly from an IRA fund to the church. The advantage of this procedure is those amounts are NOT considered as income and your adjusted gross income is less. For more information see Phil Radichel or Benno Sydow.

◆ **Parking Lot:** Last Sunday the Voters approved a contract to update the parking lot for \$50,500. This work would include excavating the existing lot and using fill as needed to level off the base. The base would then be repaved (3½ inches) on the same footprint as it is now. The curb that has sunk along the church would also be replaced. A curb line (not raised) will also be placed on the west end of the lot so that the new asphalt does not break up at the field. Also, during the pavement project, the middle "island" with the flag pole would be removed to aid with snow plowing and provide a couple more parking spaces. The Trustees are considering what new location for the flag may be preferable. The intent is to stripe the lot like it is now. Currently there is a \$46,774 balance in the fund. This means we are just shy of what is needed by \$3,726. The contract did not include the driveway to the parsonage garage, which has since been estimated to cost an additional \$1,800. To spare a special Voters meeting, the Trustees will absorb this cost in their annual budget, potentially coming to the Voters in July with the proposal that the parking lot fund cover the extra \$1,800 expenditure. If this would be approved, the total cost would be \$52,300 with \$5,526 still needed for the fund. Last summer the main project was the reroofing of the entire facility. The Lord graciously took care of our needs then. He continues to be merciful in providing for all our needs now.



◆ **Fall Student Billing:** Each September and February, the amount in the Tuition Aid Fund is distributed equally among the students attending Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI, up to the full amount of tuition. This distribution is sent directly to Immanuel from the treasurer. This coming fall the plan is for five students to attend with an expected tuition billing estimated to be \$8,000. While this amount is not an expectation for the fund, some members like to be aware of this.

◆ **CLC Convention:** This summer, June 21-24, the CLC will have its Convention in which delegates and pastors from CLC churches across the USA will convene in Eau Claire to make decisions regarding the work of our church body. Once the Prospectus is published (likely soon) with reports from the synodical boards, the Convention will react and give guidance to these. In particular, the matter of the CLC, WELS, and ELS discussions will be considered. We are considering this in our Bible Classes over the next few weeks. Our delegates are Rick Nelson and Bill Rust with alternates being Ryan Oman and Benno Sydow. You may express your viewpoints on synodical matters with them and/or Pastor. For the delegates to prepare for Convention, on Saturday, June 9, 10 am to 6 pm, there will be a Minnesota Delegate Conference held here at Grace Lutheran. Members, in particular Voters, of Grace may certainly attend and listen in on this conference.

◆ **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).



◆ **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.

◆ **Candidates for Immanuel Professor Call:**

The Board of Regents for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary invites "all pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of member congregations of the Church of the Lutheran Confession" (CLC Constitution) to nominate an individual or individuals to fill the vacancy which will be created by the retirement of Professor Paul Schaller at the end of the 2018-19 academic year. The position would require the ability to teach in a variety of areas, which may include courses in English (high school and college) and history (high school, college, and potentially seminary). With the duties including teaching God's Word to adult males, the person is to be a male (1 Tim. 2:12). To fill a current need on campus, this individual would need to be able to provide spiritual counsel and encouragement to students in the Word of God, understanding and addressing the particular challenges that students often face today, preferably someone who is pastorally experienced. This person may potentially serve as the Dean of Students, one who counsels and disciplines students on campus. The position would, God-willing, commence with the 2019-20 academic year. Those submitting nominations are strongly encouraged to verify that the individual would be willing to be nominated and would need to include information regarding their nominee's educational background and teaching and/or professional experience, also indicating how the person might help our school in supervising extracurricular activities or serving in administrative positions. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight July 15, 2018 (letters postmarked July 1, 2018) to: Dr. Daniel Schierenbeck; 23 SE 240th Rd.; Warrensburg, MO 64093; email: danschierenbeck@gmail.com.

