

## ✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Jan Davis

Elder: Dale Enns

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

## ✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Brian Eichstadt; Kevin Baker; Dan Degnan;  
Brandon Paplow; Pat Paplow

Counting Team 3: Brian Eichstadt; Duane Enns; David Hein;  
Chad Hestekin; Benno Sydow

Hospitality Team 1: Phil & Jackie Radichel; Lynn & Janice  
Sandhoefner

Church Cleaners: Ochsner School: Pearson

## ✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

**Sun., May 6:** 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper (Easter 6)  
11:00 am – Hospitality  
12:00 pm – Council Meeting

**Wed., May 9:** 4:30-6:15 pm – Catechism for Public School Students  
7:00-8:30 pm – Confirmation Preparation

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

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

**Sun., May 13:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:00 am – Worship Service (Easter 7)  
11:00 am – Hospitality

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

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

**Sun., May 20:** 9:00 am – Confirmation Examination  
10:00 am – Worship Service (Confirmation/Pentecost)  
11:15 am – Hospitality

**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

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**Phone:** 763-784-8784

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

**Date:** May 6, 2018

## ✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

### Hymns:

TLH 261: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word  
TLH 292, st. 1-2,6-9: Lord Jesus Christ, With Us Abide  
TLH 473: The Church's One Foundation  
Communion: TLH 315: I Come, O Savior  
TLH 477, st. 2: Lord Jesus, Thou the Church's Head

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

### Worship Prep:

Psalm 98, TLH p. 144

### Liturgy:

TLH, p. 15 (Projected)  
Gloria: TLH 36:3

### Scripture Readings:

Acts 11:19-26  
John 15:9-17

### Sermon: 1 John 4:1-11

<sup>1</sup> Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup> By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, <sup>3</sup> and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the *spirit* of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world. <sup>4</sup> You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. <sup>5</sup> They are of the world. Therefore they speak *as* of the world, and the world hears them. <sup>6</sup> We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error. <sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup> In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

## Test the Spirits Whether They Are of God

## Christian Education

Written by Sam Lisak, young CLC Member at Hales Corners, WI

Later this month my congregation will be celebrating our Christian day school's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Twenty-five years of having, maintaining, and growing a Christian Day School is something to be celebrated, and something that I think I often take for granted. A tremendous amount of work and effort is put into a school to make it successful. Most often, the schools have low attendance and may not have all the resources that other schools have. Teachers must be found through congregations and be willing to carry the educational responsibilities for at least one grade of children and most times multiple grades. So why do it? What added benefit are you getting out of all the extras that go into running a day school?

In my personal experience, I enjoyed going to a Christian day school. Being in a classroom with other kids, especially ones in grades above me, I was able to learn and pick up things outside of my regular classes. Also, being in a small school, there was a great opportunity to have good relationships with everyone in the school as well as receive individual teaching than can sometimes not be achieved at other schools. As Christians, the most important thing in our life is summed up in Romans 5:8, "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." That message, and many others that we see in the Bible are part of the curriculum at Christian day schools. It is a place where Christians like us can be surrounded by fellow believers and continue in our learning. It was also evident while I was in high school at ILC that it is very beneficial to have fellow Christian friends especially as you get older and have to deal with issues in the sinful world more often.

While there are countless benefits that I, and I'm sure other former Christian day school students could attest to as being beneficial for our lives, none of it can be done without the support from all the members of a congregation. I was not around for the beginning of our school, but I've heard from those who were around at the time about all the work that was put into its creation, along with the sheer determination of those involved to make the school great for the students. The opportunity to send your children to these schools is a huge benefit that we must not take for granted.

Christian day schools, and even churches are not something that we can just create and then sit back and reap the benefits from. It takes effort from everyone in the congregation to help in whatever ways they can. There are many different ways in which you can help teachers at school. While we can greatly appreciate all the work those before us have done in establishing Christian day schools for us, let's not let these benefits go to waste. We have opportunities to help teach the children of our congregation and we should take advantage of these opportunities and give our help wherever we can. It is the least we can do for someone who mercifully gave His life for us, that we would continue to take care of what He has graciously given us.

## The Lord's Supper Preparation

As a reminder, communicants are to examine themselves prior to communing. 1 Corinthians 11:27: "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup."

### Prayer before the Lord's Supper:

Lord God, You invite all who are burdened with sin to come to You for rest. In the sacrament of Holy Baptism You called me to be Your child by the Holy Spirit. I now come at Your invitation to receive the holy body and blood of my Savior, Jesus Christ, in the sacrament of Holy Communion. Prepare my heart, Lord, to receive this precious meal with a repentant heart: sorry for my sins and recognizing they deserve punishment, but also rejoicing in the full forgiveness You have granted me by grace through Jesus' holy and precious blood shed for me at the cross. Strengthen my faith, increase my love and hope in You, and assure me of Your blessed peace. Hear me for the sake of Jesus, my dear Savior. Amen.

### Prayer after the Lord's Supper:

Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to me in this holy sacrament. Thanks and praise be to You for Your divine tenderness and love shown to me, Your child. I humbly ask you, now that I've received Your body and blood in the Sacrament, continue to fill me with the power of Your Holy Spirit. May I be led to ever embrace by faith the treasures of Your grace imparted to me, especially the forgiveness of sins and fellowship with You. Keep me in Your faith and favor that I may live in You and You may live in me. Let the love that You have shown me enable me, with a forgiven and tender heart, to love You and my neighbor. Preserve me in the true faith until everlasting life. Hear me, O Jesus, for the sake of Your dear name. Amen.

### TLH 306

1. Lord Jesus Christ, Thou hast prepared  
A feast for our salvation,  
It is Thy body and Thy blood;  
And at Thy invitation  
As weary souls, with sin opprest,  
We come to Thee for needed rest,  
For comfort and for pardon.

4. We eat this bread and drink this cup,  
Thy precious Word believing  
That Thy true body and Thy blood  
Our lips are here receiving.  
This word remains forever true,  
And there is naught Thou canst not do;  
For Thou, Lord, art almighty.

7. Grant that we worthily receive  
Thy Supper, Lord, our Savior,  
And, truly grieving o'er our sins,  
May prove by our behavior  
That we are thankful for Thy grace  
And day by day may run our race,  
In holiness increasing.

8. For Thy consoling Supper, Lord,  
Be praised throughout all ages!  
Preserve it, for in every place  
The world against it rages.  
Grant that this Sacrament may be  
A blessed comfort unto me  
When living and when dying.

### 1 Corinthians 10:16

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

## CLC Financial Report - April

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2017	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 10 Months	Balance 4/30/2018
General Fund	0	806,366	806,902	\$775,000	-536
ILC Operations	0	1,214,556	1,035,649	\$440,000	178,907
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,020,922</b>	<b>\$1,842,551</b>	<b>\$1,215,000</b>	<b>\$178,371</b>
<b>Auxiliary Funds</b>					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	27,274	175,377	7,677		194,973
ILC Building Projects (AC/Dorm)	- 49,213	367,506	217,117		101,176
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	61,237	195,666	173,006		83,897
Kinship	43,040	123,104	92,215		73,929
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	1,030,843	979,391	762,678		1,247,556
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	68,917	130,841	134,079		65,678
Reserve Fund	225,190	0	0		225,190
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,407,288</b>	<b>\$1,971,885</b>	<b>\$1,386,773</b>		<b>\$1,992,400</b>

ILC Building Projects (Academic Center Balance & North Hall)	
Beginning Balance November 1, 2017	\$1,460,931
Current Balance April 30, 2018	\$1,441,993
Principal paid to date	<b>\$18,938</b>

### Notes:

- \* **General Fund** offerings in April totaled \$59,502 (budget shortfall \$18,000) vs disbursements of \$78,797, resulting in a negative balance of \$-536. Budgetary offerings needed per month are \$77,500.
- \* **ILC Building Projects** offerings in April totaled \$2,604 vs the monthly mortgage payment of \$8,000. The Board of Trustees maintains a 3-month payment reserve in this fund and so will pay down around \$80,000 of the \$101,176 balance directly on the Projects loan principal in May, saving total interest of \$115,000 & decreasing the loan term by 2 years.
- \* **CEF:** revenue in April totaled \$34,278 from congregations' CEF loan repayments.
- \* **MDF:** offerings in April totaled \$9,470 vs disbursements of \$34,846, leaving a balance of \$83,897.
- \* **SAF:** received \$10,052 in April from congregational offerings (\$2,970) and student loan repayments (\$7,081) vs disbursements of \$10,780 for the monthly allocation of 2nd semester student grants, student loans, and admin expenses.
- \* **IIF:** The ILC Improvement Fund April offering was \$781, vs \$1143 disbursements, resulting in an IIF balance of \$194,973. This will enable us to do all the approved projects in the IIF, including re-paving of Ingram Drive & lighting, field house heating upgrade, and several professorage repairs & upgrades.

James E. Sandeen, CLC Treasurer

Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees

## ✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ♦ **Ascension Worship:** 40 days after Jesus' resurrection He ascended into heaven visibly from His disciples. Knowing that He was now seated at the right hand of the Father in full glory and ruling over all things, they worshipped Him with great joy. Our opportunity to worship Him is this Thurs., May 10, 7 pm.



- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **Confirmation:** Confirmation for Daniel Hein, Alieu Kanneh, and Elaina Yang will be on Sunday, May 20. Examination will take place at 9 am followed by the worship service at 10 am. A reception will be held during hospitality. May the Lord bless their preparations.
- ♦ **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.

- ♦ **Flower Planting:** Help is needed planting flowers in various places on the church property. Planting will take place on Tuesday, May 15, at 6 pm. Speak with Heidi Nelson with questions.



- ♦ **Flower Watering:** If you'd like to help on a rotation for watering the flowers on the church property this summer, please speak to Heidi Nelson. It's a great way to serve, and many hands make the load lighter!
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **School Program:** On May 24, 7 pm, the children of our day school will be putting on three short skits and singing music. All members and friends of Grace are invited to show support of the children's efforts and of our school. Refreshments will follow the program.

♦ **Parade:** On Thursday, June 7, our school will be walking in the Spring Lake Park Tower Days Parade. We are hoping that many, if not all, of our students and parents will be able to participate in this. It is one of the ways that we can get our school's name out in the surrounding community. Please speak with Rick Nelson for more details.

♦ **Vacation Bible School:** On July 23-27, 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.



♦ **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.

♦ **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.

♦ **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. For more info & to register, go to: [www.ariseandshineretreat.com](http://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](mailto:sam.rodebaugh@gmail.com) - (414) 534-7279 | Josh Ohlmann - [joshohlmann@swbell.net](mailto:joshohlmann@swbell.net) - (314)874-9184 | Kym Stelter - [kjstelter@gmail.com](mailto:kjstelter@gmail.com) - (507) 327-2076.

♦ **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](mailto:danschierenbeck@gmail.com).



♦ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #25 – Sacrament of the Altar, Part 1

*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. 29, 2018 Sun.: 75 S.S.: 12 B.Cl.: 35 Thu.: 18

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$1,305.00	CLC:	\$390.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,700.00	CLC:	1,000.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-2,395.00	CLC:	-610.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$55,422.00	CLC:	\$16,525.00	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	62,900.00	CLC:	17,000.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-7,478.00	CLC:	-475.00	
GLC Other:	462.00	Living Faith:	10.00	Tuition Aid:	120.00
SAF Endowment:	0.00	MDF:	60.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid:	10.00	ILC Bldg.	200.00	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 0.00
Current Balances:	Parking Lot: \$47,224		Tuition Aid: \$2,131		