

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Sue Nelson

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: Anderson

✠ 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: Fleischer

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Aug. 12: 9:00 am – Worship Service
11:00 am – Council Meeting

Mon., Aug. 13: 7:00 pm – Grace School Meeting with Ice Cream Social

Wed., Aug. 15: 6:00-8:00 pm – Necklace Assembly for Liberian Children

Sun., Aug. 19: 9:00 am – Worship Service
3:00 pm – Opening Service at Immanuel (Eau Claire, WI)

Sun., Aug. 26: 9:00 am – Worship Service

Mon., Aug. 27: 8:00 am – Opening Service for Grace Lutheran School

Sun., Sept. 2: 9:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper

Mon., Sept. 3: Labor Day – No School

Wed., Sept. 5: 4:30-6:15 – Catechism Begins for Public School Students

Sat., Sept. 8: 9:00-11:00 am – Necklace Assembly for Liberian Children

Sun., Sept. 9: Return to Regular Sunday Schedule
8:30 am – Choir Practice Begins
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School Begin
10:00 am – Worship Service (Regular Schedule Resumes)
12:00 pm – Council Meeting

Sun., Sept. 16: Annual Church Picnic

October 2-3: Minnesota Pastoral Conference @ Red Wing, MN

October 17-20: CLC Teachers' Conference @ West Columbia, SC

Last Week's Stats: Aug. 5, 2018 Sun.: 98

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$5,529	CLC:	\$1,099
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,700	CLC:	1,000
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+1,829	CLC:	+99
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$106,942	CLC:	\$29,055
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	114,700	CLC:	31,000
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-7,758	CLC:	-1,945
GLC Other: 1	Living Faith: 1	Tuition Aid: 51		
SAF Endowment: 200	MDF: 0	Kinship: 100		
ILC Student Aid: 100	ILC Bldg. 100	IIF: 0	CEF: 0	
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid: \$5,056			

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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 12

Date: August 12, 2018

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 16: Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word
TLH 485, st. 1,3,5-7: Lord Jesus, Who art Come
TLH 493: Thou Who the Night in Prayer Didst Spend
TLH 466: Christ, Thou Art the Sure Foundation

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 84, TLH p. 139 f.

Liturgy:

WS, p. 1 (Projected)
WS, p. 42, Psalm 121

Scripture Readings:

Exodus 24:3-11
John 6:1-15

Sermon: Ephesians 4:11-16

¹¹And He Himself [Christ] gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹²for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; ¹⁴that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, ¹⁵but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head-- Christ-- ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love. (NKJVTM)

God's Ministry ...
It Does the Body of Christ Good
1. It Equips with Sound Doctrine
2. It Prepares for the work of ministry

✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Thanks** to all who came to the school work day yesterday. There was a good crowd and a lot was accomplished.
- ◆ **Sunday School:** Those interested in teaching or subbing may speak with either Pastor or Michael Ude.
- ◆ **Hospitality Program:** Some of the hospitality teams have been reorganized and the schedule has been modified to accommodate the updates made by the Elders. Please check the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall or outside pastor's office. As a reminder, we are simplifying hospitality to be on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Other times may be requested by speaking with Pastor. Teams are also encouraged to provide simple food items and may speak with any Elder (Frank Radichel, Al Rosendahl, Dale Enns) if any help is needed from the church to provide this. May the program continue to be a blessing to all as we move forward.
- ◆ **Vacation:** Pastor will be leaving today for vacation near Spokane, WA, to visit family. He will be there until the end of August. For emergency pastoral help, you may call the parsonage at 763-784-8784 or call Pastor directly on his cell at 612-408-1635. Alternatively, you may call Pastors Emeritus David Schierenbeck (651-202-8602) or Daniel Fleischer (651-352-1471), including any hospital calls.
- ◆ **Invitation:** Our Redeemer's in Red Wing, MN, will remember 60 years of existence as a congregation today at 3:30 pm. After the Service a fellowship meal will be served. All are invited to attend.
- ◆ **Invitation:** Prince of Peace Lutheran of Hecla, SD, invites you to their annual Harvest Festival 4 pm Sun., Aug. 19. For more info., contact Pastor Tim Daub (pastor_daub@hotmail.com/605-994-2145).
- ◆ **Immanuel's Opening Service:** The opening worship service for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary will be on Sun. Aug. 19, 3 pm, at the campus fieldhouse. For more details about the opening weekend schedule, see ilc.edu. May the Lord richly bless the upcoming year as the students grow in the truth of God's saving Word!
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor David Baker of Our Redeemer's Lutheran in Red Wing, MN, has announced his retirement from the public ministry effective Dec. 15, 2018.✠ "At our recent Convention Mr. Jay Sydow was elected to the Bd. of Regents. Soon after, however, he submitted his resignation from the board due to the obligations of new employment. I have appointed Mr. James Burkhardt, a member of St. Matthew, Dallas, TX to the vacant board position." CLC President, Pastor Michael Eichstadt.



Update on Discussions Since Convention:

On August 1, representatives of the CLC, the WELS, and the ELS met at Bethany Seminary in Mankato to continue our discussions about matters that have separated our synods for many years. The first part of the meeting centered on the recent events at the 2018 CLC Convention. The men from the WELS and ELS expressed their disappointment that the CLC had not adopted the 2015 *Joint Statement Regarding the Termination of Fellowship*. The CLC men relayed our Convention resolutions, which stated:

- The *Joint Statement* is a scripturally sound presentation of doctrinal principles.
- It does not resolve all the issues involving the doctrine of church fellowship that have separated us.
- At the same time, the CLC Convention did not reject the *Joint Statement*, and we are aiming for a final disposition of this document at our 2020 Convention.
- We are thankful for the progress that has been made over the past several years of inter-synodical discussions.
- There are issues other than the doctrine of church fellowship that separate us.
- It is our heartfelt desire to work toward a restoration of God-pleasing fellowship with the ELS and WELS based upon a unity of doctrine and practice.
- We hope that our talks with the ELS and WELS can continue.

The second part of our meeting was taken up with a discussion of the topic of *In Statu Confessionis*, or "protesting fellowship." Historically, this phrase has been used as a protest against doctrinal error within a church body in an attempt to drive it out. It has sometimes been wrongly used as a justification to continue in fellowship with known false teachers. The history of its use by the WELS and ELS over toward the LC-MS was discussed. Additionally, we talked about its use in connection with the European church bodies which remained in fellowship with both the LC-MS and WELS/ELS for many years following the breakup of the Synodical Conference. The representatives of the WELS and ELS stated that it is their conviction that *In Statu Confessionis* is to be used only with weak brethren, and not with those identified as false teaching church bodies. In the course of this discussion, we revisited the reasons why the founders of the CLC found it necessary to leave their former fellowships in the WELS and ELS.

The future of our inter-synodical discussions was left in doubt. All agreed that it might be profitable to meet again following the 2019 CLC General Pastoral Conference next summer. It will be up to the respective synod presidents as to whether this meeting will take place. Meanwhile, our 3-man committee hopes to provide further information for next summer's General Pastoral Conference to consider, through continuing correspondence with the WELS and ELS.

- President Michael Eichstadt, Pastor Paul D. Nolting, Pastor Bruce Naumann