

## ✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Maureen Ochsner      Elder: Frank Radichel

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

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

Church Cleaners: R. Nelson      School: A. Baker

## ✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Michael Ude; James Bomber; David Hein; Ryan Oman; Eli Wales

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

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## ✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

**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  
**Thu., Sept. 7:** School's 42<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary (Sept. 7, 1976)  
**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 Begins  
 12:00 pm – Council Meeting

**Mon., Sept. 10:** 10:00 am – MN Pastoral Study Club @ Inver Grove Hts.

**Sun., Sept. 16:** Annual Church Picnic

**Mon., Sept. 24:** 7:00 pm – Grace School Parent Night

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

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

**Last Week's Stats:** Aug. 26, 2018    Sun.: 92

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,775*	CLC:	\$415	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,700	CLC:	1,000	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+75	CLC:	-585	
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$115,709*	CLC:	\$30,440	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	125,800	CLC:	34,000	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-10,091	CLC:	-3,560	
GLC Other:	30	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	335
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	110	Kinship:	0
ILC Student Aid:	0	ILC Bldg.	100	IIF:	0
				CEF:	0

**Current Balances:** Tuition Aid: \$5,649

\* Includes \$850 in school tuition/\$850 total for school-year-to-date tuition



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**Phone:** 763-784-8784

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

**Date:** September 2, 2018

## ✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

### Hymns:

TLH 4: God Himself is Present  
 TLH 285: How Precious is the Book Divine  
 TLH 290: We Have a Sure Prophetic Word  
 Communion: TLH 304  
 TLH 477, st. 2: Lord Jesus, Thou the Church's Head  
 Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

### Worship Prep:

Psalm 119iii, TLH p. 149f.

### Liturgy:

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

### Scripture Readings:

Ephesians 6:10-20  
 Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

### Sermon: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

<sup>1</sup> "Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the judgments which I teach you to observe, that you may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers is giving you. <sup>2</sup> "You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you. ... <sup>6</sup> "Therefore be careful to observe *them*; for this *is* your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes, and say, 'Surely this great nation *is* a wise and understanding people.' <sup>7</sup> "For what great nation *is there* that has God *so* near to it, as the LORD our God *is* to us, for whatever *reason* we may call upon Him? <sup>8</sup> "And what great nation *is there* that has *such* statutes and righteous judgments as are in all this law which I set before you this day?" (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

## Listen and Carefully Observe God's Word

## ✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Service Schedule:** Please remember that the service schedule will be changing next Sunday, Sept. 9. Sunday School and Bible Class will begin at 9:00 am with regular morning worship at 10:00 am.
- ◆ **Sunday School:** We are still trying to secure one more teacher for the year. If interested, speak with either Pastor or Michael Ude.
- ◆ **Catechism:** Catechism classes for those not enrolled in the Christian Day School will begin this Wed., Sept. 5, 4:30-6:15 pm. This is for those in 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Please pray that the Lord will richly bless the instruction of our youth!
- ◆ **New Address:** Jenettie Miesen; Rose Arbor #104; 16500 92<sup>nd</sup> Ave. N; Maple Grove MN 55311
- ◆ **Church Picnic:** On Sun., Sept. 16 there will be a church picnic here on the church grounds following our regular church service. Grilled meat will be provided. Members are asked to bring a dish to share, including things like salads, chips, and/or desserts. Committee #3 will be serving and cleanup, though additional help would be appreciated.
- ◆ **Grace School Update:** We had a great first week of school and it went by so fast! The students seem to be settling into a routine already and appear to be happy to be back in school. If anyone has any questions or concerns about the way things are going, please don't hesitate to ask one of the teachers.
- ◆ **Tape Player:** Does anyone happen to have a tape player (not a CD player) sitting around that still works? We are looking for one that the students can use to listen to books on tape because we still have a lot of those! If you have one that you would be willing to donate, please speak with Mrs. Nelson.
- ◆ **Vacation:** Pastor thanks the congregation for allowing him to enjoy a vacation. He visited family and helped his uncle harvest, his family expressing appreciation to the congregation for allowing him to do this.
- ◆ **Appreciation:** Recently a number of items have been accomplished by a large number of volunteers. Here are just some examples:
  - Tiling of school bathrooms – Rick Nelson, Daniel Hein, James Bomber
  - Painting of school areas – Janelle Hein, Mikey Oman
  - Mowing – Daniel Hein, Ryan Oman
  - Fellowship hall bookcase – Built by Duane Enns with input by Dale Enns, help by Larry Brandt for installation
  - School lockers – Duane Enns, painted by Duane Enns & Larry Brandt
  - Flag pole disposal – Pat Paplow, Benno Sydow, Kevin Baker
  - Trimming lilacs – Larry & Rick Nelson, Benno Sydow
  - Parsonage improvements – Ryan Oman, Pat Paplow
  - Server installation – Brandon Paplow, Phil Radichel
  - School cleaning and updates – a number of volunteers

- ◆ **“Man Up” Retreat:** Men from CLC congregations across the country have attended the annual “Man Up!” retreat over the past two years. Join them this year, October 12-14 at Wyalusing State Park. It is a wonderful opportunity to be encouraged in your faith through the study of God's Word, in your God-given roles as men of Christ's church, and to build relationships with other men who share your faith and the struggles of living in a sin-filled world. For more information, pick up the information sheet on the table in the narthex. Please contact Pastor Nathanael Mayhew (ndmayhew@att.net or 404-729-4602) or visit: [www.manup.clclutheran.org](http://www.manup.clclutheran.org) if you have additional questions.
- ◆ **Grand Rapids, MI:** Recently Rock of Ages Lutheran in Jenison, Michigan (Grand Rapids area) elected to move their Sunday worship location to a public space for at least the next year (they had been meeting in a member's home for some years now). They are now worshiping in a nicely equipped conference room located at 8650 Byron Center Ave SW, Byron Center, MI 49315. Sunday worship is at 5 pm with Bible Class at 6 pm during the school year. Pray that the Lord will open doors for them to reach people with His saving Gospel in this new place.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer of Trinity Lutheran in Spokane, WA, has accepted the call to Berea Lutheran in Inver Grove Heights, MN. ✠ Pastor James Naumann of Our Savior's Lutheran in Jamestown, ND, has received and returned the call to Trinity Lutheran in Spokane, WA. ✠ Pastor Mark Gullerud of Redeemer Lutheran in Bowdle, SD, and Zion Lutheran in Ipswich, SD, has received and returned the call to Bethel Lutheran in Morris, MN. He has announced his retirement from the full-time public ministry effective October 2019. ✠ Pastor John Klatt of Prince of Peace Lutheran in Loveland, CO, has announced his retirement from the full-time public ministry effective June 30, 2019. ✠ Pastor Kevin McKenney of the Cambridge congregation has been struggling with a number of health problems, including severe sepsis, pneumonia of the right lung, numerous infections, pressure wounds and severe protein calorie malnutrition. Kevin and his wife, Kim, are asking for your prayers. Kim writes: “While in the hospital, we were able to share the love of the Savior with many. God also provided many God fearing people to take care of Kevin. We can see God's Hand in so many things that we are going through.”

*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!*

## CLC Financial Report - July

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2018	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 1 Month	Balance 7/31/2018
General Fund	0	34,982	92,880	\$81,600	- 57,898
ILC Operations	0	52,983	76,268	\$45,800	- 23,285
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$87,965</b>	<b>\$169,148</b>	<b>\$127,400</b>	<b>- \$81,183</b>
<b>Auxiliary Funds</b>					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	108,123	12,220	7,206		113,137
ILC Building Projects (AC/Dorm)	15,500	894	8,000		8,394
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	55,340	4,058	17,483		41,915
Kinship	36,637	2,220	16,457		22,400
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	1,356,241	30,912	48,833		1,338,320
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	77,286	11,149	984		87,451
Reserve Fund	298,855	0	0		298,855
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,947,982</b>	<b>\$61,453</b>	<b>\$98,963</b>		<b>\$1,910,472</b>

ILC Building Projects (Academic Center Balance & North Hall)	
Beginning Balance November 1, 2017	\$1,460,931
Current Balance July 31, 2018	\$1,351,846
Principal paid to date	<b>\$109,085</b>

### Notes: (July begins the Fiscal Year 2019)

**General Fund** – A negative balance for July is typical for the first month of the fiscal year when revenues are historically lower in the summer months, while expenses remain about average. Also, the larger negative balance was impacted by the “5-Sunday-month” effect, when the last Sunday falls very near the end of the month and a number of congregational CLC offerings are received after the July fiscal books have closed. That effect for this July was nearly \$30,000, which should improve the August report to a positive balance.

**ILC Operations** – This negative balance is typical in July prior to a new school year revenue stream.

**ILC Building Projects** – The smaller offerings for July may be partly due to the completion of the North Hall renovation project during which special offerings were received. The extra payment of \$80,000 on principal last Spring decreased the fund balance substantially but saved total interest of \$115,000 on the consolidated AC/North Hall loan & decreased the loan term by 2 years. Whenever the fund balance substantially exceeds \$24,000, the Trustees policy is to apply that extra amount directly to pay down the loan principal. The fund needs regular offerings of \$8,000/mo to cover loan payments.

**CEF** – July revenue was from congregations’ CEF loan repayments, while the disbursements were from the fund’s repayment of several promissory notes against the fund held by CLC members.

**MDF** – July offerings totaled \$4,058 vs disbursements of \$17,483 for foreign mission fields, which included \$9,000 for Togo land purchase, \$2,500 for foreign pastoral conference expenses, \$1,400 for cycles, \$1,000 for Myanmar church electrification, and the balance for Bibles, rice paddy fees, & misc.

**SAF** – July revenue of \$11,149 included congregational offerings (\$1,834) and student loan re-payments (\$9,315) vs disbursements of \$834 for the usual admin expenses.

**IIF** – The ILC Improvement Fund July offering included a special offering of \$12,000 designated for a major upgrade to the ILC IT system vs \$7,206 disbursements toward that upgrade.

James E. Sandeen, CLC Treasurer  
Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees

## 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 E-Devotion –August 25, 2018

Mark 16:16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved.

### **YOUR BAPTISM -- GOD'S GRACE PERSONALIZED**

There are many benefits we enjoy from living in an era of advanced technology. One of the unfortunate side effects, however, is that our world seems to be getting more and more impersonal.

Our Lord understands this human need that we have of personal attention. It is true, however, that the Bible does not specifically say that God so loved (your personal name) that He gave His only-begotten Son. But in your baptism the Lord says just that! The Bible says that baptism saves us, because it is a blessed way that the Holy Spirit brings the Savior to the individual heart. This is the promise God gives in Baptism: "He that believes and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16).

The story is told of a conquering king who was leading a victory parade. As his carriage rolled along, his servants threw gold coins to the crowd. The happy citizens reached out their hands to catch the coins. All except for one, that is. This man, who did not feel that he had been a loyal supporter of the king, stood away from the crowd and hung his head. "Surely the king did not intend this gift for me," he thought. But the king, taking special note of him, sent one of his servants directly to the man. The servant pressed a coin into the surprised man's hand and said, "The king wants you to know that he intended this gift especially for you."

When your heart is weighed down because of your guilt, that is the time to remember your baptism. When your conscience accuses you, Satan would try to lead you to doubt whether the Lord really wants you as his own. At such a time you can give the devil this powerful answer: "I am baptized! The Lord Jesus sought me out to be His own, and conferred His forgiveness upon me by washing me clean with the power of His Word in the water!"

-- From the "Lutheran Spokesman"



## Council Meeting Notes – August 12, 2018

Meeting called to order with prayer. July Council meeting minutes were read and approved. July treasurer's report was presented and approved.

### Pastor's Report

- VBS went very well. 64 children registered. 59 attended. 42 were in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or younger. 43 were nonmembers. Thanks to all the staff.
- Pastor will be on vacation the last 2 Sundays of August. Pastor David Schierenbeck and Pastor Daniel Fleischer will preach.
- It has been a very busy summer with instruction classes.

### Board of Elder's Report

- Some hospitality teams have been reorganized and the schedule has been modified. Hospitality will be on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.
- A chair is being purchased for Pastor for Bible Class.

### Board of Education Report

- August 13 will be the ice cream social. A photo release form will be distributed at that time.
- Children are still getting into the classrooms on Sundays. The fire door will now be closed to discourage children from getting into the rooms.
- The bathroom remodeling is in progress and will be completed prior to the start of school.
- Sunday School will have music in the church at the beginning because the piano has been moved to the fellowship hall.

### Board of Trustee's Report

- School carpets will be cleaned soon after construction of the bathrooms is completed.
- Various general projects are being completed.
- Closing of the safe deposit box at the bank is still in progress.

### Other Business

- Chad and Amanda Hestekin will be transferring to Messiah in Eau Claire. This will be acted upon in the September meeting.

Adapted from minutes by Secretary Pro Tem, James Bomber

