

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Janelle Hein

Elder: Eli Wales

Ushers: Roger Ochsner; Paul Lentz; Bob Maki; Jack Maki;
John Maki

Counting Team 3: Brian Eichstadt; Duane Enns; Dan
Degnan; Benno Sydow

Church Cleaners: Anderson

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Rick Nelson; Keith Radichel; David Stifter; Joel
Stifter; Bob Vandever

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

Church Cleaners: Anderson

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Aug. 4: 9:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper (Pentecost 8)

Sat., Aug. 10: 9:00 am – Grace School Work Day

Sun., Aug. 11: 9:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost 9)
11:00 am – Council Meeting

Mon., Aug. 12: 7:00 pm – Grace School Meeting w/Ice Cream Social

Sun., Aug. 25: 3:00 pm – Opening Service at Immanuel (Eau Claire, WI)

Mon., Aug. 26: 8:00 am – Opening Day at Grace Lutheran School

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

Sun., Sept. 15: Annual Church Picnic

October 1-2: Minnesota Pastoral Conference @ Mankato, MN

October 16-18: CLC Teachers' Conference @ Fridley, MN

Last Week's Stats: July 28 Sun.: 113

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,949*	CLC:	\$600
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,000	CLC:	1,000
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-1,051	CLC:	-400
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$117,818**	CLC:	\$29,097
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	120,000	CLC:	30,000
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-2,182	CLC:	-903
GLC Other: 170	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	85
SAF Endowment: 0	MDF:	110	Kinship:	60
ILC Student Aid: 10	ILC Bldg.	100	IIF: 0	CEF: 0
Current Balances:		Tuition Aid: \$2,146		
* Includes \$0 in school tuition		** Includes \$6,024 year-to-date school tuition		

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. - Ephesians 2:8-9

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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 8

Date: August 4, 2019

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 231: We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost

TLH 439: O God of Mercy, God of Might

TLH 464: Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Communion Distribution: WS 755

TLH 412: May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 66, TLH p. 136f.

Liturgy:

WS, p. 12 (Communion)

Psalm 2: WS, p. 30

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 66:10-14

Luke 10:1-12,16-20


Sermon: Galatians 6:1-5

¹ Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who *are* spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴ But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. ⁵ For each one shall bear his own load. (NKJVTM)

Christ, as the Head, Sets the Culture for His Church

✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Among Us:** Ellen Bergstrom has been struggling with stress to her liver, being tested for hemochromatosis. This is causing other symptoms such as joint pain. Trusting in her Savior's care, she requests the congregation's prayers. Following rehab from her stroke, Jenettie Miesen has moved to a more permanent location at: The Wellstead of Rogers; 20600 S. Diamond Lake Rd, #F106; Rogers, MN 55374. For mail, it is best to send it to her son, Dale Miesen at: 13600 Commerce Blvd, #315; Rogers, MN 55374.
- ◆ **Sunday School:** One of the vital programs at Grace for the instruction of our youth is the Sunday School. Those interested in helping out with teaching, subbing, or helping out in any kind of way may speak with either Pastor Hein or Michael Ude, the superintendent.



Sunday School Start-up
- ◆ **Grace School Prep:** This Sat., Aug. 10, the school will be readied for the coming school year with a work day. We invite all our members to come and help. But, even more so, we strongly encourage the parents of our Christian Day School children to help as the success of our school is dependent upon parental interest and volunteer labor. On Mon., Aug. 12, there will also be an introductory meeting with an ice cream social to kick off the upcoming school year.
- ◆ **CLC Teachers Conference:** Please mark CLC Teachers Conference on your offering envelope to contribute to the conference hosted by Grace in October. The intent is to raise about \$1,200 to cover expenses involving meals, a field trip, bus expense and the like.
- ◆ **Summer Hospitality:** If anyone wishes to host any of the Sundays in summer, they may sign up on the fellowship hall's bulletin board.
- ◆ **Immanuel's Opening:** The opening worship service for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary will be on Sun. Aug. 25, 3 pm, at the campus fieldhouse. This service will include the installation of Professor Daniel Schierenbeck. 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 Word!
- ◆ **Men's Retreat:** "Man Up" weekend is intended to offer strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The retreat will be held Sept. 12-15 at Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI, south of La Crosse. You can find out more information, see pictures of the park, and register online at www.manup.clclutheran.org. The cost of \$75 includes lodging, meals, and activities. This fee increases to \$100 after Aug. 31. For questions, contact Pastor Nathanael Mayhew, ndmayhew@att.net / 404-729-4602.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Ted Barthels of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran in Austin, MN, has the call to Prince of Peace Lutheran in Loveland, CO.

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 President's Letter – August 1, 2019

Dear brothers in Christ:

We live in a world of numbers. To the government we're a Social Security number, to the bank a multi-digit account number. We track the passage of time and mark our age with more numbers. We compare the numbers of our income with those on the bills that arrive. To some extent, don't we assess our well being by looking at the numbers?

Every January the President delivers his State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress. Unemployment stats, GDP, and other numbers are highlighted to make his point that the state of the Union is strong.

Sometimes in our lives as disciples of Jesus, we follow the same approach of checking the numbers. The voters at our recent congregational annual meeting were presented with four pages of financial numbers. We talk about the number of new members, losses, baptisms, marriages, and deaths. Numbers can have a useful place, but not as an indication of the state of Christ's Church.

Judging by the numbers, the prognosis for the church is grim. With almost every measurable statistic, the trend line is down. But when has that ever been a problem for God? The Lord often refers to His faithful "remnant." Jesus says, "Wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it" (Matt. 7:13-14). Yet Isaiah prophesies, "Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. For you will spread out to the right and to the left" (Is. 54:2-3). It's a picture of continual, dramatic growth.

To understand what the Lord is telling us we need to remember the difference between the temporary, visible church, which can be seen and measured with numbers and the much greater Church, that countless assembly of all believers of all time. Visible churches and church bodies come and go, but the one Holy Christian Church stands forever "built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord" (Eph. 2:20-21).

Numbers have never gotten in the way of the Lord accomplishing His gracious will. With the Lord's presence, Gideon's 300 unarmed men were more than enough to defeat the massive forces of Israel's enemies. Over the brief history of the CLC, we have seen the Lord richly bless our outwardly feeble, insignificant efforts.

If we obsess over numbers, we'll be intimidated into pessimistic inaction. "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few." The Lord doesn't tell us that to discourage us, but rather to impress upon us the urgency and importance of enlisting every believer and using every opportunity to tell of the Savior from sin and death while there is still time. The harvest is vast. The time is short. May the Lord use us in that harvest work, bless His gospel message, and graciously send out even more workers into His field!

In Jesus' name,

Michael Eichstadt,

CLC President

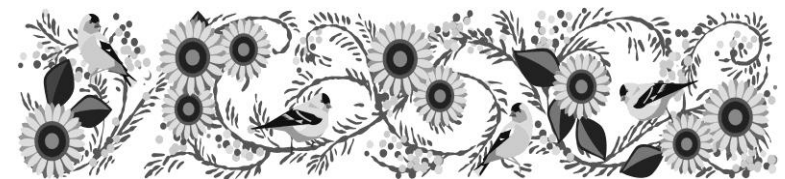
Notes:

Due to his duties as conference visitor and other responsibilities, Pastor Matt Hanel has resigned from the CLC Bd. of Regents. I have appointed teacher Matthew Thurow to complete his term.

After 24 years, much of that time without a fulltime shepherd, Rock of Ages, Grand Rapids, MI is dissolving due to its small membership and inability to fulfill Michigan's requirements for incorporation. While it is certainly a disappointment to the remaining members, the group has a very positive, scriptural outlook. One member wrote: *"...But it is also with thanksgiving that we have been able to fellowship with like minded believers. It is my prayer that the Lord will continue to guide us as we begin a new chapter in our walk with Him."* Remember these brothers and sisters in your prayers.

I have asked Vice President Mark Bernthal to chair a task force to discuss ways to address the shortage of pastors and teachers in the CLC. The group recently met and is working on a number of projects, including a proposal for a synod-wide Public Ministry Sunday. The committee will meet again later this month.

On Friday, August 9, the inter-synod committee of representatives from the CLC, ELS, and WELS will meet at the WELS headquarters in Waukesha, WI. Pastor Mark Bernthal will join the CLC committee as a Bd. of Doctrine representative. The pastoral conference recommendation to the 2020 CLC Convention has already been forwarded to the ELS/WELS representatives and will be one of the topics discussed at the meeting.



CLC Financial Report - June

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2018	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 12 Months	Balance 6/30/2019
General Fund (see below)	0	945,668	973,624	\$980,000	- 27,956
ILC Operations	0	1,368,081	1,363,570	\$1,411,000	4,511
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	108,123	95,424	65,244		138,303
ILC Building Projects (AC/Dorm)	15,500	205,825	204,252		17,073
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	55,340	184,333	194,653		45,020
Kinship	36,637	143,309	123,312		56,634
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	1,356,241	609,612	523,363		1,442,490
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	77,286	115,557	142,136		50,707
Reserve Fund	298,855	7,189	27,956		278,088
Total	\$1,947,982	\$1,361,249	\$1,280,916		\$2,028,315

ILC Building Projects (Academic Center Balance & North Hall)	
Beginning Balance November 1, 2017	\$1,460,931
Current Balance June 30, 2019	\$1,201,553
Principal paid to date	\$259,378

General Fund – Offerings this month were \$90,051 vs disbursements of \$29,827, a very positive monthly cash flow of \$60,224, which helped the GF recover from last month's - \$88,290 YTD deficit. For the 12 months of FY19, the General Fund had a shortfall of \$27,956 in offerings for the year-end deficit. This amount was withdrawn from the Reserve Fund to balance the General Fund for FY19 which ended June 30. **The budgets of the Trustees, Regents, Missions, & Ed & Publications count on their major funding from your CLC General Fund offerings.**

ILC Operations– ILC June revenue was \$11,390 vs disbursements of \$153,907. Unused CLC subsidy of \$4,511 was returned to the General Fund. ILC was able to replace the 25 year-old failing commercial dishwasher and add a water softener for greater efficiency within its FY19 budget.

ILC Building Projects – Revenue was \$5,948 (incl \$1000 sp gift) from congregation offerings vs a disbursement of \$8,000 for the AC/North Hall monthly loan payment. Special offerings during the fiscal year permitted the Project Fund to pre-pay \$118,252 directly on loan principal. Pre-payments of \$188,000 since May 2018 have saved nearly \$240,000 in interest, reducing the loan term 5 years.

CEF – June revenue was \$38,662 from CEF congregational loan repayments vs disbursements of \$3311 for CEF monthly administrative expenses.

MDF – Offerings of \$28,924 (incl \$19,138 sp gift) vs disbursements of \$21,381 (incl. \$9,300 India Exploratory & \$8,900 Mission Helper & Christian Literature).

SAF – Revenue of \$6,134 vs disbursements of \$1,034 for administration expenses.

Kinship – Offerings of \$6,507 (incl. \$3,365 sponsors) vs disbursements of \$2,962.

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

Voters Meeting Notes – July 21, 2019

Meeting called to order with a prayer. April voter meeting minutes were read and approved. 2nd quarter treasurer's report was presented and approved.

Pastor's Report

- Rick & Gloria Grams transfer from Gethsemane Lutheran in Spokane Valley, WA, was reported.
- Motion passed to accept Rick Grams as a voting member.
- June 15 was the wedding of Ryan Mueller and Emily Hein.
- Emily Hein's (Mueller) transfer to St. Paul's Lutheran in Austin, MN, was reported.
- Motion passed to ratify Grace Duehlmeier and Natalie Story as communicant members due to confirmation on May 19.
- Motion passed to accept Jim Peer and Krista Peer as communicant members.
- The SLP parade was well attended. At least 3 students plan to attend VBS and potentially 1 student might attend Grace school because of the parade.
- June 18-20 was the Pastoral Conference in Eau Claire. They recommended that the Joint Statement not be adopted.
- July 22-26 will be VBS. There are currently 35 students enrolled.

Board of Elders Report

- Oct 16-18 is Teachers Conf. at Grace. Financial & housing support will be needed.
- The City of Fridley will be giving AED training to attending teachers. Council will discuss potentially purchasing one for Grace.
- Grace school is looking for someone to help students with computer expertise.
- Members who attend services very seldom have been contacted, with very little results.
- HealthPartners group insurance is ending July 31. Pastor was asked to apply for health insurance via MNSure to be effective Aug 1. Since this will now be paid by Pastor, a motion passed to cover the cost of the insurance by increasing Pastor's salary by \$8000 annually and increasing Janelle's salary by \$7300 annually, prorated to the end of the current year. This will result in a net savings to Grace of \$7700 annually, down from \$23,000. Salaries will be reviewed once the tax impact is better understood.

Board of Education Report

- Motion passed to have Michael Ude be SS Superintendent for coming year.
- Motion passed to create a temporary fund to cover expenses related to the teacher's conference in October. The "CLC Teacher's Conference Fund" has a \$1200 target.

Board of Trustees Report

- A second opinion was obtained regarding the sewer line problem. It is not necessary to be repaired, but it needs to be cleaned out more often.
- The house roof and garage have ice problems, which might take \$6000 - \$8000 to repair. Motion passed to discontinue the Sewer Line Project and to combine it with the Project Undesignated fund, allowing up to \$8000 for roof/attic/garage repairs.
- Aug 10 is a Grace workday.

Other Business

- There was discussion regarding virtual participation in voter meetings for members that are remote. There was also discussion of enabling remote contributions to project funds. It was recommended that the Council discuss these items at the next Council meeting.

Adapted from Minutes of Secretary Pro Tem James Bomber