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Hymns:

WS 730: Now Let the Heav'ns Be Joyful

CDS: WS 776: Lord, 'Tis Not that I Did Choose You

TLH 193: Christ the Lord is Risen Today

TLH 231: We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost

TLH 416: Oh, that the Lord, Would Guide My Ways

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 145, TLH p. 155f.

<u>Liturgy</u>:

TLH, p. 5 (Projected) Gloria: TLH 199:4

Scripture Readings:

Acts 13:44-52 Revelation 21:1-6

Sermon: John 13:31-35

³¹ So, when [Judas] had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him. ³² "If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him immediately. ³³ "Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, 'Where I am going, you cannot come,' so now I say to you. ³⁴ "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵ "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." (*NKJV*TM)

"BE DIFFERENT ... LOVE ONE ANOTHER"

CLC E-Devotion – March 30, 2011

John 13:34 "As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

The night of Jesus' arrest was a night of intense temptation and bitter betrayal--a night when He faced the horrible fact that He would soon be cut off from His Father. Yet with all this pressing on His soul, our beautiful Savior made time to comfort and instruct His fearful little band. In the upper room He taught His disciples many lessons, including a lesson on love.

Jesus commanded His disciples to love one another. The Savior-Master whom we follow is love. His every thought, word, and action are pure love. How could His followers not be people of love?

By the power of the Spirit working through the message of redeeming love, we have been set apart to be people of love. Jesus' commandment to love is a call to live out the new life implanted within us. The Spirit gives us faith. Where there is faith in Christ, love will follow.

Why, then, is there so often a lack of love within Christian homes and congregations? Why so much strife and hurt feelings? Where is the love?!? Sad to say it is so often missing in our dealings with our fellow family members and Christian friends. We allow our sinful nature to rear its ugly head, often forgetting who we are, a people empowered and called to love. What a terrible shame!

Where is the love? Look at Jesus' cross! God's love is written all over the cross! The blood our Savior shed there washes away all sin, including every one of our loveless words, thoughts, and actions. The love of God as seen at Calvary also revives and changes our often selfish and proud hearts, bringing many blessings to our work together as congregations, and our living together as families. "... Live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. ..." (Ephesians 5:1).

Oh, grant that nothing in my soul
May dwell but Thy pure love alone!
Oh, may Thy love possess me whole,
My Joy, my Treasure, and my Crown!
All coldness from my heart remove;
My every act, word, thought, be love. Amen. [TLH 349:2]

む THE ANNOUNCEMENTS む

- ➡ Among Us: Fred Dauer is continuing to recover at home after being hospitalized for pneumonia. Jane Cowan had a successful angiogram this past week that identified and corrected three blockages. Jenettie Miesen is hospitalized at North Memorial for treatment of pneumonia and will likely soon be released for transitional care. Rick Grams' struggle with Alzheimer's continues as he now doesn't recognize Gloria, obviously a challenge for her. This coming Tue. Sue Anne Kirkham will be having a heart ablation procedure. Mary Schierenbeck, wife of retired pastor David Schierenbeck, is having heart valve replacement at Mayo. Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
- → Midweek Bible Class: We are studying the report the 2021 Convention requested of the Board of Doctrine and the Joint Statement Committee. This will be presented at this summer's upcoming Convention. Join us on Wednesday at 7 pm.
- **Scanning:** The Council is looking for someone who might be willing to scan historical church records here at Grace. They desire to archive these records for preservation purposes. If anyone is willing to do this, please speak with Eli Wales.
- **School Program:** On Wed., May 25, 7 pm, the children of our day school will be putting on their annual spring play. 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.
- Our Students SHINE!
- → 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 Thurs., May 26, 7 pm.
- → **Grace Lutheran School** staff is planning for the 2022-23 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 2022) on the sheet by the guest book. Include the school's name and the degree. Our Graduation Sunday is May 29. N. Story and M. Rinne will also graduate from Grace School that day.
- **➡ Graduation Invitations:** The bulletin board by Pastor's office includes some invitations from this year's graduates.
- ▶ Parade: The Spring Lake Park Tower Days parade is Thursday, June 9. We encourage all of our families to come and walk in the parade. There is a sign-up sheet for t-shirts by the guest book. We usually meet at 5:45 p.m. in the parking lot of Woodcrest School and together we walk down Able St. to the parade site. The parade starts at 6:30 and usually lasts a little more than an hour. Please speak with James Bomber for more details.



- **▶ 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.
- **Daily Rest:** Daily Rest is a daily devotion book printed quarterly by the CLC. It is time to renew subscriptions or get a new subscription if you would like to receive this edifying material. The deadline to subscribe is June 1. Jan Davis has graciously offered to collect the \$15 payments. You may give this payment to her directly or mail your payment in her name to her address: Jan Davis, 7986 Van Buren Street NE, Spring Lake Park, MN 55432. Please contact her (davis7986@gmail.com/612-590-5354) for instructions if you wish to submit your payment electronically through Zelle® or Venmo®.
- **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. Contact: Sandy Hulke.

Summer Worship Schedule: On Sunday, May 29, the summer schedule will begin with worship service held at 9 am. Bible Class and Sunday School will be suspended for the summer.



- ▶ Vacation Bible School: On July 25-29, 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.
- Thru Christ Anniversary: Peace in Middleton. (peacethruchrist.org), will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary on June 19, 2022. Worship services will occur at 10 am (sermon by Emeritus Missionary David Koenig) and 1:30 pm (sermon by Professor John Ude). Guests are invited to worship our resurrected Lord with us! Dinner will be served at Noon. Please **RSVP** for planning purposes by June at peacethruchrist.org/welcome/50th-anniversary-event/. For questions, contact Dan Schaefer at schaeferd51@gmail.com.
- → **Anniversary:** St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran in Austin, MN, will be celebrating its 75th anniversary on Sept. 25 in an afternoon service. More details to follow (stpaulclcaustin.wordpress.com).
- **⇒ Sunday School Memory Work:** #28 Office of the Keys

Last Week's Stats: May 8, 2022 Sun.: 82 S.S.: 15 B.Cl.: 37 Wed.: 20 Sun. Offering: Grace: \$2.062 CLC: \$695 Weekly Need: Grace: 4,250 CLC: 1.020 -Under / +Over: -2.188CLC: Grace: -325 Year-to-Date Offering: Grace: \$80,091 CLC: \$18,920 19.380 Year-to-Date Need: Grace: 80.750 CLC: Year-to-Date (+/-) Grace: -659 CLC: -460 Living Faith: Tuition Aid: GLC Other: 0 0 SAF Endowment: MDF: 0 Kinship: 110 ILC Student Aid: ILC Bldg. IIF: 0 CEF: 0 Organ: \$51,962 Current Balances: Tuition Aid: \$1,422

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 - April

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2021	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 10 Month	Balance 4/30/2022
General Fund	0	864,224	1,019,318	1,050,000	- 155,094
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy) Auxiliary Funds	0	1,347,168	1,218,019	1,206,000	129,149
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF) ** ILC Building Projects **	124,590 1,096,716	388,767 202,854	295,976 14,295		217,381 1,285,275
Mission Development Fund (MDF) Kinship	132,313 182,119	176,022 163,585	107,881 138,673		200,454 207,031
Church Extension Fund (CEF) ** Student Aid Fund (SAF) **	3,527,885 133,585	260,760 77,917	1,219,314 93,717		2,569,331 117,785
CLC Reserve Fund**(YTDgains/losses)	300,222	- 2,921	0		297,301
Auxiliary Funds Totals	\$5,497,430	\$1,266,984	\$1,869,856		\$4,894,558

General Fund – April offerings were \$112,996 (incl \$5,100 special) **VS** disbursements of \$93,476, a **positive** monthly cash flow of \$19,520, reducing the General Fund deficit to – \$155,094. After 10 months, YTD budget offerings shortfall is: \$185,776, but YTD budget expenses underspent \$30,682. Two months remain in this fiscal year for the boards to hold their budget line & for all of us to remove the General Fund deficit, trusting our Lord to bless our best efforts. The Coordinating Council & Boards recently set FY23 budgets, trying to hold the budget line on proposals for June Convention. The Convention Prospectus will be available soon to see specifics of the budgets & work of the CLC. "Do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased." (Heb 13:16NKJ)

- **ILC Operations April** revenue was \$104,7854 (\$61,667 subsidy) **VS** disbursements of \$128,698 (wages/benefits \$77,255), a negative cash flow of \$23,912, but still a positive balance of \$129,149.
- IIF April revenue: \$2,968 (\$2,453/mo bequest), VS \$0 disbursed. Div/Int income YTD: \$3,087.
- **ILC Bldg Projects April** revenue: \$4,098 (\$2,453/mo bequest) **VS** \$0. <u>Div/Int income YTD</u>: \$39,400.
- **CEF April** revenue: \$36,521 loan repayments, \$40 offerings **VS** disbursements: \$3,969 Admin. <u>Div/Int income YTD</u>: \$64,123.
- **MDF April** offerings \$27,033 (\$16,000 Mission Helper Trip) **VS** disbursements \$6,434 (\$4,500 Togo Vehicle; \$822, Seminary equipment; \$1,111 for admin expenses).
- **SAF April** receipts: \$8,462 (\$5,220 loan repayments, \$2,976 special gift) **VS** \$7,590 disbursed for student grants. <u>Div/Int income YTD</u>: <u>SAF</u>: \$48,165; <u>PMP grant</u>: \$59,087; Scholarship Fund: \$3,902.
- **Kinship April receipts:** \$20,518 offerings/sponsors **VS** disbursed: \$11,785 (\$10,000, Bibles & textbooks for Kenya schools-Etago & Mois Bridge; \$1,000 Medical Aid; \$855, orphans & widows).
- ** Positive & negative fluctuations in the chart <u>revenue</u> column for the ILC Building Projects, IIF, CEF, SAF, & Reserve Fund reflect gains & losses in portfolio values from market fluctuations each month.

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<u>Organist:</u> Sue Nelson <u>Elder</u>: Dale Enns

<u>Ushers</u>: Eli Wales; Alex Baker; Kevin Baker; Dan Degnan; Ryan Oman; Bob Vandeveer

<u>Counting Team 4</u>: James Bomber; David Hein; Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust

<u>Hospitality Team 3</u>: Jan Davis, Ryan & Mikey Oman; Laura Wales; Janelle Hein

<u>Church Cleaners</u>: **Ochsner** <u>School</u>: **Vandeveer**

<u>Ushers</u>: Eli Wales; Alex Baker; Kevin Baker; Dan Degnan; Ryan Oman; Bob Vandeveer

<u>Counting Team 1</u>: Dale Enns; Larry Nelson; Ryan Oman; Pat Paplow; Phil Radichel

<u>Church Cleaners</u>: Ochsner <u>School</u>: Wales

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Sun., May 15: 8:45 am – Choir Practice

9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School 10:00 am – Worship Service (Easter 5)

11:15 am - Hospitality

3:00 pm – ILC Piano & Organ Recital

Wed., May 18: 7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class

Fri., May 20: 12:00 pm – Grace School Early Dismissal

3:00 pm - Immanuel Class Day @ ILC Fieldhouse

7:30 pm – Immanuel Spring Concert @ Messiah Lutheran 10:00 am – Immanuel Graduation Service @ ILC Fieldhouse

Sat., May 21: 10:00 am – Immanuel Graduation Service @

Sun., May 22: 8:45 am – Choir Practice

9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School 10:00 am – Worship Service (Easter 6)

Wed., May 25: 7:00 pm – Grace School Spring Program

Thu., May 26: ASCENSION DAY

12:00 pm – Grace School Dismissal for Summer 7:00 pm – Ascension Day Worship Service

Sun., May 29: Summer Worship Schedule Begins

9:00 am – Worship (Graduation Sunday)

Mon., May 30: Memorial Day

Sat., June 11: 10:00 am – MN Delegate Conference @ Eagle Lake, MN

June 23-26: CLC Convention @ Eau Claire, WI
July 25-29: 9:00-11:30 am – Vacation Bible School
Sun., Aug. 21: 3:00 pm – Immanuel Opening Service

Mon., Aug. 29: Opening Day of Grace School

