

THE CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION

34th Annual Convention • Communion Service
Messiah Lutheran Church, EC WI

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Pre-Service Devotion: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer. (Psalm 19:14)



Saturday, June 26th, 2021 Divine Worship . . . 7pm

Pastor Andrew A. Schaller, Liturgist
Pastor Matthew Hanel, Speaker

Sunday, June 27th, 2021, Divine Worship 9am

Pastor Paul Tiefel

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 39 - *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

INVOCATION

Pastor: We gather together in the name of the Father who created us; in the name of the Son who redeemed us; and in the name of the Holy Spirit who sanctifies us.

Congregation: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.
(TLH 50 1st Tune)*

CONFESSION OF SINS (FROM PSALM 1)

Pastor: Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.

Congregation: But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

P: He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

C: Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

P: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

C: For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

ALL:

Heavenly Father, we come to you recognizing that we have sinned against you in many and various ways. By our thoughts, words, and actions we have walked in the counsel of the wicked, stood in the way of sinners, and sat in the seat of mockers. We ask you to forgive us on account of the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. May your Holy Spirit lead us ever to delight in your Word of salvation so that we may be as trees planted by streams of living water which yield their fruit in the proper season.

ABSOLUTION

P: In Him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.

*Praise him for his grace and favor
To his people in distress;
Praise him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.*

KYRIE

P: O Lord, as you have had mercy on us in our spiritual need, look upon us also in our bodily distress.

C: Have mercy upon us, O Lord.

P: As you healed the blind man who called out to you for mercy, reach down with your powerful hand to restore us and preserve us while we live our lives in this fallen world.

C. Have mercy upon us, O Christ.

P: Strengthen us each hour that we might serve you all our days.

C. Have mercy upon us, O Lord.

*Fatherlike he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hand he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

P: We praise you, O God; we acknowledge you to be the Lord.

C: Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of your glory.

P: You are the King of Glory, O Christ.

C: When you had overcome the sharpness of death, you opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

P: Now grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

C: To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

*"Glory in the highest glory!"
Shout the angels in the skies,
Bringing earth the wondrous story:
God is come he meets our eyes.
Alleluia, alleluia! "Peace to you," the Lamb now cries!*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we rejoice that you have made us one with you and with each other through faith in Christ our Lord. We thank you for the abundant blessings you have bestowed upon our church body over the years, especially the Word and work in which you have enabled us to share. Confirm us in the faith we confess with those who have gone before us and those who have spoken your Word to us. Empower us by your Spirit to meet the challenges of our day as we take the Word of Christ to those in need. Continue to sustain us with Word and Sacrament until we come at last to our eternal home. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

DEUTERONOMY 7:1-11

"When the LORD your God brings you into the land which you go to possess, and has cast out many nations before you, the Hittites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than you, ² and when the LORD your God delivers them over to you, you shall conquer them and utterly destroy them. You shall make no covenant with them nor show mercy to them. ³ Nor shall you make marriages with them. You shall not give your daughter to their son, nor take their daughter for your son.

⁴ For they will turn your sons away from following Me, to serve other gods; so the anger of the LORD will be aroused against you and destroy you suddenly. ⁵ But thus you shall deal with them: you shall destroy their altars, and break down their sacred pillars, and cut down their wooden images, and burn their carved images with fire.

⁶ “For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth. ⁷ The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples; ⁸ but because the LORD loves you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers, the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

⁹ “Therefore know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments; ¹⁰ and He repays those who hate Him to their face, to destroy them. He will not be slack with him who hates Him; He will repay him to his face. ¹¹ Therefore you shall keep the commandment, the statutes, and the judgments which I command you today, to observe them.

EPISTLE LESSON:

ROMANS 5:1-11

¹ Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

³ And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; ⁴ and perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

⁶ For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. ¹⁰ For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. ¹¹ And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

(The *Gradual* is sung to the tune of *A Mighty Fortress*.)

***God's Word is our great heritage
And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age
Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way,
In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,
We keep its teachings pure.
Throughout all generations.***

CONVENTION CHOIR

(SATURDAY EVENING ONLY)

GOSPEL LESSON:

LUKE 10:13-20

¹³ “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. ¹⁴ But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you. ¹⁵ And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades.

¹⁶ He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me.” ¹⁷ Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.” ¹⁸ And He said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.”



THE APOSTOLIC CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN: 465 - *Christ Is Our Corner-Stone*

THE SERMON:

PSALM 3

¹ LORD, how they have increased who trouble me! Many are they who rise up against me. ² Many are they who say of me, "There is no help for him in God." Selah

³ But You, O LORD, are a shield for me, My glory and the One who lifts up my head. ⁴ I cried to the LORD with my voice, And He heard me from His holy hill. Selah

⁵ I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the LORD sustained me. ⁶ I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people Who have set themselves against me all around.

⁷ Arise, O LORD; Save me, O my God! For You have struck all my enemies on the cheekbone; You have broken the teeth of the ungodly. ⁸ Salvation belongs to the LORD. Your blessing is upon Your people. Selah

"CHOP WOOD AND CARRY WATER"

THE GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS

Weekend offerings: The loose offering from Saturday will go to the CLC convention. The offering plates will not be passed. They will be found at each entry door of the church.

PRAYERS...THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: 395 - *O God, Thou Faithful God*

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE CONTINUES
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THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

In the early church, the Lord's Supper was thought of so highly that no one except confirmed members of the church were allowed even to watch it. This practice was more strict than necessary, of course. But the early church did understand something that many today do not: that the Supper of the Lord was not intended indiscriminate use by everyone, but was restricted to those who were properly prepared. If you have never communed with us before, and desire the benefits of the Lord's Supper, please set up an appointment with the pastor to discuss how you can prepare properly.



DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

755 - *What Is This Bread*

307 - *Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord*

315 - *I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table*

A RESPONSIVE PRAYER

P: Almighty and eternal God, when the time was right, you sent your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to take our place under the demands of the law and to endure the just punishment for our sins.

C: You accepted his sacrifice on the cross. You raised him from death in glorious splendor. For his sake, you richly and daily forgive the sins of all who put their trust in you.

ALL: Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.

P: **When the time was right**, you bestowed your Holy Spirit on your people as a testimony that you had called them to proclaim the Gospel to every creature.

C: Equipped and encouraged, they carried the story of salvation into all the world.

ALL: The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice. God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

P: **When the time was right**, you raised up your servant Martin Luther to destroy the idols of the medieval age and to restore the pure teaching of your Holy Word.

C: You renewed your people with the light of your love, you granted power and success to the proclamation of the Gospel, and your holy Church grew and prospered throughout the world.

ALL: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us, that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.

P: **When the time was right**, you brought together the founders and builders of our churches. Guided by your Spirit, they took hold of the truth and abandoned an apathetic allegiance to your Word.

C: They joined hands with other believers and worked together in ministry as members of the Church of the Lutheran Confession. You have blessed their sons and daughters during these last days of sore distress and enabled us to proclaim the saving Gospel of your Son.

ALL: Sing to the Lord, for he has done marvelous things; let this be known to all the world.

P: **Let this be the time, O Lord**, when you renew us again by Word and Sacrament, when you reform our hearts and minds, and when you restore to us the joy of fellowship and service.

C: Grant to us in this age and in this place the courage of the apostles, the steadfastness of the reformers, and the dedication of the leaders of our past.

ALL: May the Lord our God be with us as he was with our fathers. May He never leave us or forsake us.

P: **Let this be a time, O Lord**, for confession and repentance. For Jesus' sake forgive us whenever we love ourselves more than you and whenever we serve ourselves instead of your people. Forgive us for the apathy that harms our faith and hinders our work.

C: Forgive us for boasting of our past achievements and for blaming others for our present problems. Rid us of indifference toward public worship and continued growth in your Word, destroy all distrust that may plague us, and shatter every thought and word which harms the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace.

ALL: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

P: **Let this be the time, O Lord**, when we recommit and re-consecrate ourselves to the ministry of the Gospel of your Son. Let us find joy in our unity, zeal for our work, and, if it is your will, success in our labor.

C: And give us faith, O Lord, to truly be, in our thoughts, words, and actions, what you have called us to be—witnesses of your grace!

P: Keep in your care, O Lord, all those we love, those who are close by and those far from home. Protect them from temptation and every spiritual evil.

C: Watch over those among us who are lonely or distressed, those who are afraid and facing danger, those who have pain of body or mind, and those who are at the hour of death.

ALL: Answer us according to your wisdom and grace, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

ALL: "Amen."

CLOSING HYMN: 51- Now May He Who from the Dead

*Now may He who from the dead
Brought the Shepherd of the sheep,
Jesus Christ, our King and Head,
All our souls in safety keep!*

*May He teach us to fulfill
What is pleasing in His sight,
Perfect us in all His will,
And preserve us day and night!*

*To that dear Redeemer's praise,
Who the covenant sealed with blood,
Let our hearts and voices raise
Loud thanksgivings to our God. Amen!*

Welcome! Messiah Lutheran Church is happy to host the worship service for the Convention of the Church of the Lutheran Confession. It is likewise a privilege to be the “away from home” church for the students of Immanuel. Both opportunities provide a foretaste of what the greater fellowship will be like when it finally gathers around the throne of God in heaven. May the Spirit bless our fellowship this evening in Word and Sacrament and grant to all our guests safe travel home and blessings on the work of God’s Kingdom in your area of His mission field.

We thank Andrew Schaller, pastor of our sister congregation in Marquette, MI and Matthew Hanel, pastor of our sister congregation in Dallas, TX for leading our worship on Saturday evening.



June 26-27, 2021

Pentecost 5

This Week at Messiah

Sunday services live-streamed/archived at eauclairemessiah.com.

Sun, 6/27

34th CLC Convention at ILC

9:00 am Worship Service (Ushers #8, Counters H)

9:40 am Dove West	1:00 pm Dove South
10:30 am Heritage Assisted Living	2:00 pm Veterans
11:15 am Heritage Court	

Tues, 6/29

9:00 am Koffee Klatsch

Wed, 6/30

1:45 pm Lake Hallie	2:30 pm Our House
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Thur, 7/1

6:00 pm Outreach: VBS Flier Distribution

Sat, 7/3

6:30 pm Communion Service (Ushers #1)

Sun, 7/4

Independence Day

9:00 am Communion Service (Ushers #2, Counters A)

10:15 am Fellowship Time

9:40 am Dove West	11:15 am Heritage Court
10:15 am Heritage Assisted Living	1:00 pm Dove South

Upcoming Dates at Messiah:

- July 7-10, Membership Directory Photo Shoot at Messiah
- July 9, Youth Group: Floating down the Chippewa River
- July 12-16, VBS Session 1 at ILC
- August 2-6, VBS Session 2 at ILC
- August 14, VBS in the Park (Riverview)
- August 11-15, Youth Group: Porkies Camp-Out

Announcements

Highlights from the June 20 Special Voters' meeting: <> Resignations were accepted for Tim Schaller (Board of Property) and Kevin Hulke (Board of Elders, Chairman). <> Paul Heinze was elected to the Board of Property. <> Paul Meyer was elected to the Board of Elders. <> Ross Roehl was elected chairman of the Board of Elders. <> The Messiah Immanuel Student Aid Grant Fund budget was approved at \$11,250 for the 2021-22 school year. This fund starts with a small surplus after finishing last year's obligations.



VBS flier outreach - on Thursday, July 1 at 6 pm, volunteers will meet at the ILC parking lot to distribute fliers for our VBS sessions (held at ILC this year). Teams of 2 each will be covering larger areas, looking for homes that appear to have children. We need help! Please contact Outreach Chairman Josh Gurgel at (715) 379-7917 or gurgeljm@hotmail.com if you may be able to participate.

Messiah's Outreach Committee needs volunteers to staff our booth at the Northern WI State Fair in Chippewa Falls on July 7-11. Please see the signup sheet on our narthex kiosk. Tickets to enter and parking passes provided. For more info see the “Booth Instructions” sheet by the signup.

Nathan Buck, our new 5-6th grade teacher, arrived with his wife Jessica in Eau Claire from their previous home in Clarkston, WA. Their temporary address is 4615 Olson Dr. Eau Claire (Tim and Laura Schaller's home). They will be looking for longer-term housing during the summer. We pray for the LORD's blessings on Mr. Buck's work among us. While Mr. Buck's call starts July 1st his installation (and June Schmid's) is being planned on Christian Education weekend August 21-22.

Youth Group Float – Messiah's Youth Group will be floating down the Chippewa River on **Friday, July 9th at 4p.m. Meet at Phoenix Park** where we will start with devotion, and from there we will float to Hobb's. **Parents should pick up at Hobb's at 7p.m.** If you have a tube and/or life vest, great! If not, we will find one for you. Youth Group is for grades 7-12. If you are planning to join us, please RSVP to the event on Facebook, or call/text Anne Vaver. Not only do we need to know you are coming, please mention if you need a tube and/or life vest. This will help us plan ahead. If any Messiah members have a tube or life vest, and are willing to lend for this event, please call or text Anne Vaver, 715-456-3418.



In case you missed it:


- July 4th Fellowship time after service
 - July 7-10 Pictures taken for new pictorial directory
 - July 12-16 1st Session of VBS
- (For more details on any of these please see last weeks bulletin.)

Communion Next Weekend – Announcements may be made by speaking to one of the pastors or by signing the registration sheets on the table in the narthex. As an aid to proper self-examination, we offer the following.

The second benefit of Holy Communion is life — not the physical life we received at birth and sustained by food and drink, but the new, spiritual life, which begins in regeneration through Holy Baptism and consists in faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and in the love of God and our neighbor. Since this new life is as yet weak and imperfect and in need of constant growth, our Lord has designated His Holy Supper as a spiritual nourishment for the strengthening of this spiritual life. Of this Martin Luther writes: “Holy Communion is aptly called a food for the soul, as it nourishes and strengthens the new man; there are so many obstacles and temptations on the part of the devil, our old nature in its flesh and blood, and the world that we often grow faint and weary and at times even falter. So the Lord’s Supper is given for a daily food and nourishment that faith may be refreshed and strengthened and not repulsed in this battle, but ever grow stronger and stronger; for the new life is of such a nature that it must constantly grow and progress. This new life has a great deal to endure, since the devil is an enemy who has great wrath. When he finds that he cannot take us by a bold stroke because we resist him, he tries all his wiles, presents all his allurements, and does not desist until he has tired us out, so that we either abandon our faith or become listless or impatient. But when our heart is in this condition, being about to succumb, we have the comfort that in this Sacrament it can be again strengthened and refreshed.”

(taken with some edits from Treasury of Prayers, p. 48-49)

Annual Garage Sale - Members of Messiah will be running another private garage sale on August 12-14. Though not advertised as an official event of Messiah, money made this year will be divided between the Messiah Building Fund and the ILC Student Aid Fund, with a portion also going to help Tim and Laura Schaller's family. This is a great opportunity to clean out the house and garage while supporting the work of our Savior. The sale will be held at Darin and Kathy Oster's - 1616 South St. Eau Claire. Drop-off times will be August 10 from 4-8 and August 11 from 8-1. Having all your items priced is a great help! We will be looking for many volunteers to help set up, staff, and take down. Please contact Lori Mueller if you are able to help in any way at 715-563-4526. More details to come as the sale gets closer.



Service Preview for the Upcoming Weekend
God’s Word Serving Us:

***Bible Readings** – La 3:22-33; 2 Co 8:1-9,13,14; Mark 5:21-24a,35-43*

***Bible Class** – Recessed until the fall*

Christians Serving Us:


<i>Saturday 7/3 6:30 pm: Usher Team 1</i>		<i>Sunday 7/4 9:00 am: Usher Team 2</i>	
Joel Carstensen	George Carstensen	Dan Sydow	Bryce Sydow
Dennis Oster	Jason Zimmerman	Ethan Sydow	Noah Sydow
Ryan Zimmerman	Rich McGeorge	Adam Schmid	Jerry LeDuc
		Steve Mielke	

Counters for the week following 7/4 – A

Jim Lau, Gary Meyer, Dan Kelly

***Communion Setup 7/3** – Becky and Dave Rodebaugh*

Thank you!



Around the CLC

The CLC Women's Retreat West will be held September 17-19, 2021 at Chadron State Park in Nebraska. Please join us! The Retreat Program theme is “EXALT CHRIST,” John 3:30. The brochure can also be downloaded from the CLC Ladies page on Facebook. Registration is on a table in the Narthex; the deadline is Aug. 10. Mail to: Candy Ohlmann, 822 West 3rd Street, Valentine, NE 69201. You may email WomensRetreatWest@gmail.com with any questions.

The annual Grade School Volleyball Camp will be held July 18-21 at ILC. It is for girls entering grades 4-8. The deadline for registration is July 1. For more information and to register online, visit tinyurl.com/ilc-vballcamp.

Black Hills Family Bible Camp: Camping in the beauty of the Black Hills, studies in the beauty of God's Word. All ages are welcome, children will need to be accompanied by a chaperon or family. There will be many possible outdoor activities such as zip lining, rappelling, swurfing, hiking, swimming, fishing, bonfires, s'mores, etc. The camp is Friday evening July 16th, through Tuesday morning the 20th. To sign up or for more information, you can call Pastor Aaron Ude at (605) 393-1311 or email him at aaronude@gmail.com.

CLC News: Pastor Tim Daub, Prince of Peace, Hecla, SD has been called by Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY. ● Grace, Valentine, NE has extended a one-year call to David Bernthal, teacher emeritus, living in Fond du Lac, WI to be their principal and upper grade teacher.

Of special note, near the last minute:

Our first session of VBS is just two weeks away. Some final items to get done:

- Register your youth and invite others to come
- Flyer distribution July 1st (meet at ILC @ 6:00 pm)
- Pray for God's blessings on this outreach effort

Picture taking for the Pictorial Directory is just 10 days away. Now is the time to get an appointment (sign-up on the weekend in the narthex, call the church anytime at 834-2865 or go on-line at www.ucdir.com. Church code: wi120 and Password: photos) Each participant receives a free 8x10 and a Pictorial Directory. Photos can also be submitted. It has been about 10 years since our last directory and our congregation has changed and grown. We hope to have all of our members included, one way or another.

Messiah Shut-ins: Marge Eckel (1431 Peterson Ave.), Shirley Johnson (2512 New Pine Dr. Altoona), Mae Noeldner (3706 Damon St. #17), Ellen Knuth (Care Partners, 887 Brian Lane, Altoona), Connie Larson (1500 S. Edgewater Dr.), Tom and Linda Larson (3134 Eldorado Blvd.), Betty Nolting (HeatherWood Assisted Living #213), Mavis Thelen (418 N. Barstow), Paul Tiefel, Sr. (2455 Sawgrass Rd #419, Altoona), Johanna Williams (2118 Augusta St.) and Shelly Williamson (Bellevue, IA).

Fruits of Faith Last Week ~ June 19-20, 2021

Weekend Worship: (Sat. 95 – Sun. 238) 333

Weekend Online: 138

Dove West: Cancelled by facility Heritage Court: 16 Dove South: 5

Heritage Assisted: 7 Lake Hallie: 21 Our House: 9

Weekly Offering Information

Offering Summary	Home Budget	Missions (CBP)
2021 Budget	\$778,000.00	\$200,000.00
YTD Budget	\$374,038.00	\$96,154.00
YTD Offerings	\$344,686.81	\$96,215.00
Weekly Need	\$16,049.00	\$3,844.00
Last Week (6/20)	\$15,477.01	\$4,156.25
Amount Still Needed	\$433,313.19	\$103,785.00

Building Fund	
\$450,000.00	Goal
\$517,578.36	Received to Date
\$7,117.20	Last Week (6/20)

Given in memory of...

Marge Bloom 20.00 Messiah ILHS Student Grants
Elton Hallauer 50.00 ILC Student Aid
Elton Hallauer 20.00 CLC Foundation



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Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; June 21-26, '21

Mon Job 38:1-11 Did God need helpers to create planet Earth? Or to invent three-dimensional space, create gravity, and zapp atoms and molecules to do what He wanted them to do—to the delight of spectator angels? [These are rhetorical questions, surely.] When God separated sea from land, launched climatology, and kept oceans within boundaries, where were you, nuclear physicist and space cadet? You were NOWHERE, because you didn't exist.

Tues Mark 4:35-41 When a warm front collides with a cold front, you shouldn't be out in deep water. As long as we paddle our own canoe, Jesus may stay on the sidelines—until it's the right time to say: "*Peace; be still!*" It's human nature to be obtuse about God's supervision of our own troubled waters, as were these disciples; we understand; we make the same mistake.

Wed 2 Corinthians 5:14-17 What God has done for us constrains us to form this corollary: A) If Jesus represented humanity when He died, humanity went into the grave with Jesus. B) Since it is a fact that He died in the place of everybody and now lives and functions for the sake of others, C) *we should no longer live for ourselves*, but for others, just as Jesus does. D) Therefore we regard one another as God's dear children—and we live that way, too.

Thurs Psalm 46 Since *God is a very present help in time of trouble*, we can face catastrophe with calmness. Make your own list: He manipulates history (6), will govern climate change, famine and/or crop failure; He will re-run Armistice Day and reduction of nuclear stockpiles (9). If we can't praise God for being on top of things, we keep our mouths closed (10-11).

Fri 2 Corinthians 5:18-21 Let's get some ABC's straight: God is in control of everything, especially everything spiritual and eternal. Because of Jesus Christ, God has squared our account with Him and has authorized spokesmen to publicize this salvation. *Thus we are ambassadors for Christ, imploring you to get on board.* Bottom line: Since Jesus paid off humanity's debt, God has made us Okay with Him—in, with, and because of Jesus. Hallelujah!

Sat Acts 28:2-10 We tend to shrug off the superstition of those folks, for they were hospitable, generous, and recognized some basic truths: God exists; God punishes or rewards according to His own standards (2-5), and God may take on the form and nature of a human (6). [That's a good start.]

Further, when God used Paul to make a big dent in their superstitious lives (8-9), they responded admirably, honoring Paul in many ways and making life as pleasant as they could for God's missionaries. More good steps.

Stay tuned for further developments.