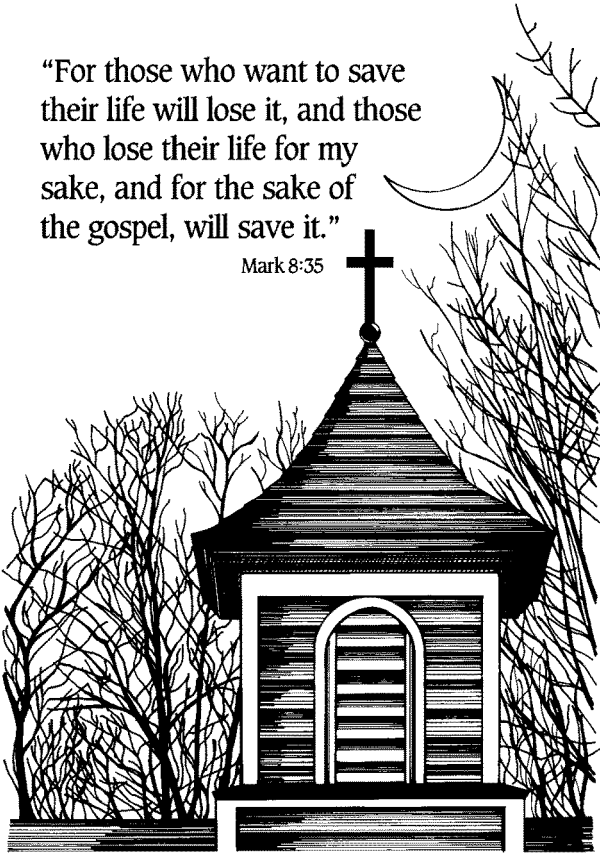


“For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.”

Mark 8:35



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:30 a.m.

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PRAYER: Heavenly Father, today I am approaching Your altar where I shall receive the true body and blood of Your Son sacrificed for me and my sin upon the cross. I know and confess my sin, but I come to you pleading the merits of Your Son. Bless my reception of this communion that I may gain confidence that You have forgiven all my sins. Use this blest communion to assure me of the abiding relationship You have established with me, calling me to be Your child and heir of everlasting life. Help me to live according to Your will, defeating temptation in my daily life, and glorifying Your name before the world in all my words and actions. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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HYMNS: 351; 608; 307; 315:9,10

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 35:4-10

Calm assurance comes to the sin oppressed from Jesus. He is the One, the only One who can remove both sin and all its vile consequences. Following in the way of the Lord we shall not go astray but as the redeemed of the Lord we shall come to Zion with singing and with Joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

THE EPISTLE LESSON: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

We should not be disturbed concerning the Lord's coming, or be misled into thinking that He has come already and we missed it. The Lord shall not come until the man of perdition is revealed, who exalts himself above God within the Church. This Scripture reveals the man of lawlessness as the papacy of Rome. Sadly there is much deception that leads many away from trusting in the pure gospel. Let us be sure to abide in the truth unto the end.

THE SERMON: John 11:21-27

Theme: Resurrection Truth

- I. The Comfort of Resurrection
- II. The Reality of Resurrection
- III. The Hope of Resurrection

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Holy Communion is the most tremendous spiritual tranquilizer there is. It brings us spiritual tranquility despite our sins, and lets us face our Maker peacefully. Unfortunately, some people are already so tranquil they are practically spiritually asleep, as 1 Corinthians 11:27-30 says. The church is not doing people a favor if it serves communion to anyone who wants it, anymore than a doctor would be by handing out Valium to anyone who asked for it. Used incorrectly, Valium may put you to sleep - permanently! So may communion put one to sleep spiritually- if used improperly. That is one reason our church practices "close communion," Taking care that those who participate in the Lord's Supper are properly prepared to do so.

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday School and Church Council will follow the service.

THURSDAY: Thanksgiving Worship at 9:30 sermon text: Ps. 145:15-21

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30 with Sunday school and Bible Class following the service. Sermon text: Revelation 1:4-8

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

December 2,9,16: **Midweek Advent Services** at 7:00. We are planning on soup and sandwich suppers for those three Wednesdays. Supper service begins at 6:00 p.m. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

December 24: Christmas Eve Service (Children's Program) at 6:00 p.m.

December 25: Christmas Service at 9:30 a.m.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Arnie Ottjes, Leon Hellickson, Melvin Eichstadt, Phil Egtvedt

Cleaning: Ubl

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: November 8 Worship – 36 Sunday school – 2

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,142.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$ 1,545.00	
Needed for Year:	\$52,532.00	
Received for Year:	\$40,283.00	

CLC FINANCIAL REPORT

October 2015

<i>CLC Financial Report</i>	Balance	<i>Year to Date</i>	<i>Year to Date</i>	<i>FY 2016 Budget</i>	Balance
<u>Operating Funds</u>	7/1/2015	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Disbursed</i>	<i>4 Months</i>	10/31/2015
General Fund	0	253,917	319,311	<i>\$308,000</i>	(65,394)
ILC Operations	0	479,907	399,669	<i>\$445,433</i>	80,238
Total	\$0	<i>\$733,823</i>	<i>\$718,980</i>	<i>\$753,433</i>	<i>\$14,843</i>
<u>Auxiliary Funds</u>					
IIF - ILC Improvement	21,975	13,073	4,420		30,628
ILC Building	16,899	31,773	38,363		10,309
MDF - Mission Development	92,551	79,089	99,199		72,441
Kinship	54,418	20,688	20,755		54,351
CEF - Church Extension Fund	1,463,337	271,624	722,804		1,012,157
SAF - Student Aid	(6,833)	75,114	53,006		15,275
Reserve Account	127,092	0	0		127,092

<u>ILC Academic Center Mortgage</u>			
Beginning Balance:	January 1, 2010		\$1,751,800
Current Balance:	October 31, 2015		\$1,252,700
	Principal Paid to Date:		\$399,000

Comments:

- **The General Fund deficit is (\$65,394) at the end of October**
- General Fund offerings are \$54,083, less than budget year-to-date
- General Fund spending was \$11,311 over budget year-to-date
- ILC balance is positive \$80,238 because of fall registration payments
- September MDF expenditures totaled \$16,882, major items included \$9,000 for disaster relief, \$1,357 for Germany conference, and \$2,000 for Liberia seminar
- IIF spent \$1,663 for work on the professorages in October

Dr. James A. Sydow, CLC Treasurer

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