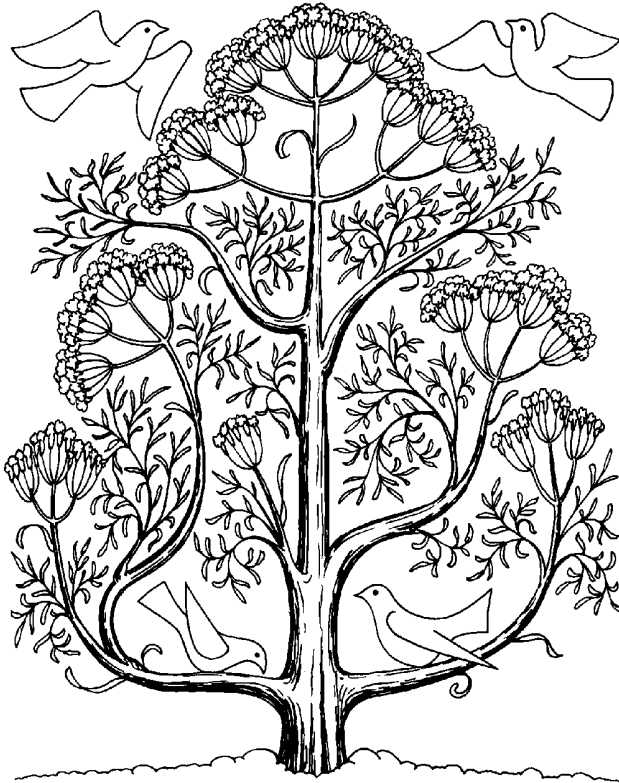


The kingdom of God ... is like a grain of mustard seed, ...
the smallest of all the seeds ... yet when it is sown
it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs.

Mark 4:30-32



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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 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 holy will, defeating temptation in my daily life, and glorifying Your name before the world in all my words and actions. In Jesus' name. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 15

HYMNS: 28; 20; 307; 309

THE RESPONSIVE INTROIT: (Ps. 28:7-9, 6 NKJV)

¹²The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,

He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

¹³Those who are planted in the house of the Lord

Shall flourish in the courts of our God.

¹⁴They shall still bear fruit in old age;

They shall be fresh and flourishing,

¹⁵To declare that the Lord is upright;

He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

¹It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;

Glory be to the Father...

THE EPISTLE LESSON: 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

As we consider the blessings of the Kingdom of God our thoughts are directed away from this present temporary world to the kingdom of glory and the wonder of what God has in store for those who believe. While we are at home in the body we are absent from those blessings. When we are absent from the body we will be present with the Lord. God has prepared us for the glory that awaits us in heaven.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 4:26-34

The kingdom of God comes in a quiet way which is actually spectacular in its manner. Just as seed planted in the ground sprouts and grows, so the kingdom of God grows as the seed of the gospel is planted in hearts. Also what appears as being small and insignificant grows into something great that offers shelter to many souls throughout the world.

THE SERMON: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Theme: The Lord Affirms: His Kingdom Comes

- I. It comes with lowly beginnings
- II. It comes with unparalleled grandeur

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

If you are a visitor here you may find that that we regard the Lord's Supper with far greater seriousness than you may be accustomed to. Please speak with the pastor first if you desire to commune. Thank you!

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Bible class are in summer recess.

THURSDAY – SUNDAY: CLC Convention in Eau Claire, WI.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship beginning at 9:30. The church council has called Mr. Brian Stearns to conduct an abbreviated lay service in Pastor Barthels' absence.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: June 10 Worship – 24

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,221.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$ 770.00	Memorials: Don Kolpin
Needed for Year:	\$25,640.00	Prop Imprv Fund \$20.00
Received for Year:	\$23,678.00	

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Melvin Eichstadt, Randy Berg, Luke Berg, Preston Johnson

June Cleaning - Nelson. June Lawn mowing - Hellickson

CLC NEWS: Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac WI. has called the Rev. Robert Sauers, pastor of Bethel Lutheran, Morris MN.

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2017	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 11 Months	Balance 5/31/2018
General Fund	0	886,986	893,369	\$852,500	-6,383
ILC Operations	0	1,307,367	1,149,775	\$484,000	157,992
Total	\$0	\$2,194,353	\$2,043,144	\$1,336,500	\$151,209
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	27,274	176,867	11,249		192,892
ILC Building Projects (AC/Dorm)	- 49,213	372,435	305,117		18,105
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	61,237	204,115	199,783		65,569
Kinship	43,040	123,104	92,215		73,929
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	1,030,843	1,093,835	794,054		1,330,624
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	68,917	142,785	144,338		67,364
Reserve Fund	225,190	0	0		225,190
Total	\$1,407,288	\$2,113,141	1,546,756		1,973,673

ILC Building Projects (Academic Center Balance & North Hall)	
Beginning Balance November 1, 2017	\$1,460,931
Current Balance May 31, 2018	\$1,358,799
Principal paid to date	\$102,132

Notes:

- * **General Fund** offerings in May totaled \$80,619 vs disbursements of \$86,467, resulting in a negative balance of \$-6,383. Budgetary offerings needed per month are \$77,500.
- * **ILC Building Projects** offerings in May totaled \$4,928 vs the monthly mortgage payment of \$8,000, plus an extra payment of \$80,000 on principal. This extra payment was the amount above the 3-month reserve the Board of Trustees maintains in this fund. This extra payment has saved total interest of \$115,000 on the AC/North Hall loan & decreased the loan term by 2 years.
- * **CEF:** revenue in May totaled \$34,299 from congregations' CEF loan repayments, plus \$80,000 from the extra payment from the Building Projects Fund.
- * **MDF:** offerings in May totaled \$8,849 vs disbursements of \$26,776, leaving a balance of \$65,569.
- * **SAF:** received \$11,994 in May from congregational offerings (\$3,049) and student loan repayments (\$8,895) vs disbursements of \$9,244 for the final monthly allocation of 2nd semester student grants & loans.
- * **IIF:** The ILC Improvement Fund May offering was \$1,490, vs \$3,571 disbursements, resulting in an IIF balance of \$192,891. This enables us to do all the approved projects in the IIF. The black-topping of Ingram Drive & professorage driveways and lighting was completed June 8 at an estimated cost of \$92,000, which will be paid from the balance. The field house heating upgrade and several professorage repairs/upgrades remain to be completed this summer.

James E. Sandeen, CLC Treasurer
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