



Create in me
a clean heart,
O God, and
put a new
and right spirit
within me.

-Psalm 51:10

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Worship: 9:30 a.m.

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PRAYER: Heavenly Father, most holy God, we who come before you today are sinful, and unworthy of your love. Sins are evident in our lives day after day. By Your Holy Spirit working through the gospel we hear this morning create clean hearts and renew steadfast spirits within us, that we may know the joy of Your salvation and the peace and assurance of Your presence. In Jesus' name. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (248:1-3)

HYMNS: 227; 380; 398; 399:3

THE RESPONSIVE INTROIT: (Ps. 51:7, 10-12, 2 NKJV)

⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God,

And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

¹¹ Do not cast me away from Your presence,

And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.

¹² Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

And uphold me by Your generous Spirit.

² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

And cleanse me from my sin.

Glory be to the Father...

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

We are exhorted to keep the statutes and judgments of the Lord, and be careful to observe what He has taught us. We are so used to hearing the wisdom of this world and the world's criticism of God's truth that we fail to understand that when we observe the Word of the Lord in our lives others will see and conclude, "This is a wise and understanding people ... that has God so near to it, as the Lord our God is to us." (v.6-7)

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 6:10-20

We are encouraged to "be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might" (not our own). We put on the full armor of God when we clothe ourselves in the gospel which defends us from the devil's attacks and temptations. The gospel arms us for perseverance in life that we may be blessed by the Spirit to boldly testify and make known the mystery of the gospel to those around us.

THE SERMON: Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Theme: Clean Up Your Act!

I. Not the World's Way

II. But the Lord's Way

CALENDAR

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Fall schedule begins. Sunday school and Bible class resume following the service. Sermon Text: Matthew 28:20 (Christian Education Sunday).

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

September 29: Fall clean up day at church from 9:00 – noon.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: August 26 Worship – 20

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,221.00	Other offerings	
Offerings Received	\$ 1041.00	Prop. Imprv. Fund	\$50.00
Needed for Year:	\$39,071.00		
Received for Year:	\$34,990.00		

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels,

Ushers: Preston Johnson, Ken Nickson, Arnie Ottjes, Randy Berg

September cleaning: Hellickson

September lawn mowing – Joe Ubl

CLC NEWS: The Rev. Mark Gullerud, pastor of Redeemer Lutheran, Bowdle SD, and Zion Lutheran, Ipswich SD, has announced his retirement from the full-time public ministry effective October 2019. <> Trinity Lutheran, Spokane WA, has called the Rev. James Naumann, pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran, Jamestown ND. Pastor Naumann has returned this call.

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CLC Financial Report - July

CLC Financial Report	Balance	YTD	YTD	Budget	Balance
Operating Funds	7/1/2018	Revenue	Disbursed	1 Month	7/31/2018
General Fund	0	34,982	92,880	\$81,600	- 57,898
ILC Operations	0	52,983	76,268	\$45,800	- 23,285
Total	\$0	\$87,965	\$169,148	\$127,400	- \$81,183
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	108,123	12,220	7,206		113,137
ILC Building Projects (AC/Dorm)	15,500	894	8,000		8,394
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	55,340	4,058	17,483		41,915
Kinship	36,637	2,220	16,457		22,400
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	1,356,241	30,912	48,833		1,338,320
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	77,286	11,149	984		87,451
Reserve Fund	298,855	0	0		298,855
Total	\$1,947,982	\$61,453	\$98,963		\$1,910,472

ILC Building Projects (Academic Center Balance & North Hall)	
Beginning Balance November 1, 2017	\$1,460,931
Current Balance July 31, 2018	\$1,351,846
Principal paid to date	\$109,085

General Fund – A negative balance for July is typical for the first month of the fiscal year when revenues are historically lower in the summer months, while expenses remain about average. Also, the larger negative balance was impacted by the “5-Sunday-month” effect, when the last Sunday falls very near the end of the month and a number of congregational CLC offerings are received after the July fiscal books have closed. That effect for this July was nearly \$30,000, which should improve the August report to a positive balance.

ILC Operations – This negative balance is also typical in July prior to a new school year revenue stream.

ILC Building Projects – The smaller offerings for July may be partly due to the completion of the North Hall renovation project during which special offerings were received. The extra payment of \$80,000 on principal last Spring decreased the fund balance substantially but saved total interest of \$115,000 on the consolidated AC/North Hall loan & decreased the loan term by 2 years. Whenever the fund balance substantially exceeds \$24,000, the Trustees policy is to apply that extra amount directly to pay down the loan principal balance. The fund needs regular offerings of \$8,000/mo to cover loan payments.

CEF – July revenue was from congregations’ CEF loan repayments, while the disbursements were from the fund’s repayment of several promissory notes against the fund held by CLC members.

MDF – July offerings totaled \$4,058 vs disbursements of \$17,483 for foreign mission fields, which included \$9,000 for Togo land purchase, \$2,500 for foreign pastoral conference expenses, \$1,400 for cycles, \$1,000 for Myanmar church electrification, and the balance for Bibles, rice paddy fees, & miscellaneous.

SAF – July revenue of \$11,149 included congregational offerings (\$1,834) and student loan re-payments (\$9,315) vs disbursements of \$834 for the usual admin expenses.

IIF – The ILC Improvement Fund July offering included a special offering of \$12,000 designated for a major upgrade to the ILC IT system vs \$7,206 disbursements toward that upgrade.

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