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**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:** Oh Lord, who has caused all Holy Scripture to be written for our edification, grant us Your Holy Spirit that He might open our hearts to reverently hear Your Word, and hearing that we may be brought to a fuller knowledge of your glory revealed in our salvation in Jesus Christ. Grant that, having fed our souls upon the Bread of Life, we may be invigorated to live our lives to the glory of our Savior's name. It is in His name alone that we pray. Amen.

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE:** p. 5 (38:1-3)

**HYMNS:** 243; 625; 416; 644

**THE RESPONSIVE INTROIT:** (Ps. NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> Unless the Lord builds the house

**They labor in vain who build it;**

<sup>3</sup> Behold, children *are* a heritage from the Lord,

**The fruit of the womb is a reward.**

<sup>4</sup> Like arrows in the hand of a warrior,

**So *are* the children of one's youth.**

<sup>5</sup> Happy *is* the man who has his quiver full of them;

**They shall not be ashamed,**

**But shall speak with their enemies in the gate.**

<sup>1</sup> Unless the Lord builds the house,

**They labor in vain who build it;**     *Glory be to the Father...*

**THE EPISTLE LESSON:** Hebrews 2:9-11

God, in His desire to unite us with God once again sent His Son into the world, knowing that His mission of salvation could only be completed through sufferings. He has thereby brought us out from sin. Thereby, He who saves us from sin and those who are saved are all of one, and Jesus is not ashamed to call us His brothers and sisters.

**THE GOSPEL LESSON:** Mark 10:2-16

What a contrast Jesus sets before us. The mature grown-ups were unwilling to submit to the Word and will of God because of the hardness of their hearts. Because they were determined to disrupt God's institution of marriage with divorce Moses permitted them to divorce but that was not the will of God. When Jesus was blessing little children the disciples tried to stop it, perhaps thinking Jesus had better things to do, but Jesus not only blessed the little children but set them before us all as examples, that we should receive the kingdom of God as little children.

THE SERMON: Genesis 2:18-24

Theme: Embracing God’s Blessing of Family.

- I. A Proper Appreciation of God’s Plan
- II. God’s Order for Our Good

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Bible Class are scheduled to follow the service.

WEDNESDAY: Catechism class at 4:15 p.m. – 6:00. p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Sunday school and **Church council** are scheduled to follow the service. Sermon Text: Hebrews 3:1-6.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

October 28: Quarterly voters’ meeting is scheduled for 12:30 p.m.

November 4: Joint Reformation service at Berea, Inver Grove Heights, beginning at 4:00 with fellowship meal to follow.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: Sept. 30 Worship – 11, Sunday school – 0 Bible Class - 10

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,221.00	Other offerings	
Offerings Received	\$ 875.00	Kinship	\$25.00
Needed for Year:	\$45,176.00		
Received for Year:	\$38,917.00		

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels,

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

October cleaning: Nelson

October lawn mowing – Leon Hellickson

CLC NEWS: Pastor Mike Wilke of Saginaw Michigan has been called to be pastor of Our Redeemer’s in Red Wing, MN.

## CLC Financial Report - September

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2018	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 3 Months	Balance 9/30/2018
General Fund	0	172,784	262,611	\$244,800	- 89,827
ILC Operations	0	384,782	293,140	\$137,400	91,642
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$557,566</b>	<b>\$555,751</b>	<b>\$382,200</b>	<b>1,815</b>
<b>Auxiliary Funds</b>					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	108,123	12,918	65,058		55,983
ILC Building Projects (AC/Dorm)	15,500	111,613	109,253		17,860
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	55,340	31,481	33,360		53,461
Kinship	36,637	16,160	32,374		20,423
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	1,356,241	187,585	81,648		1,462,178
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	77,286	32,741	32,709		72,818
Reserve Fund	298,855	0	0		298,855
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,947,982</b>	<b>\$392,498</b>	<b>\$358,902</b>		<b>\$1,981,578</b>

<b>ILC Building Projects</b> (Academic Center Balance & North Hall)	
Beginning Balance November 1, 2017	\$1,460,931
Current Balance September 30, 2018	\$1,259,310
Principal paid to date	<b>\$201,621</b>

**General Fund** – General Fund offerings in September totaled \$36,566 vs disbursements of \$99,307. Average monthly budgetary offerings needed are \$81,600. Part of the shortfall is likely due to the last day of the month falling on a Sunday, which results in a delay in receiving monthly offerings until after the fiscal books have closed, and partly due to some larger disbursements for the month.

**ILC Operations** –September ILC revenue was \$92,860 vs disbursements of \$111,431.

**ILC Building Projects** – September congregational offerings were \$1,860 vs disbursements of \$93,252, which included another substantial payment of more than \$85,000 on the loan principal, enabled by a member special offering of \$100,000 in August. This resulted in another \$115,000 in interest savings on the consolidated AC/North Hall loan & decreased the loan term by 2 more years. The fund needs regular offerings of \$8,000/mo to cover the monthly loan payment.

**CEF** – September revenue was \$116,661 largely from the large pre-payment on the AC/North loan principal, while disbursements of \$13,600 were primarily for interest we owe CLC members for their loans to the CEF.

**MDF** – September offerings totaled \$14,506 vs disbursements of \$12,161 for foreign mission fields, which included \$7,600 for church building improvements & a school security fence, \$1,500 for Mexico & India exploratory work, \$1,400 for bicycles & motorcycles, & \$500 for Bibles & Christian literature.

**SAF** – September revenue of \$14,075 included congregational offerings (\$864) and student loan repayments (\$13,211) vs disbursements of \$20,595, for Student Grants, Loans, & Scholarships.

**IIF** – The ILC Improvement Fund September offering was \$205 vs \$39,224 disbursements, almost entirely for the final expenses for the Commons HVAC upgrade.

*James E. Sandeen, CLC Treasurer Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees*