



**Stand at the crossroads and look...
ask where the good way is, and walk in it,
and you will find rest for your souls.**

Jeremiah 6:16

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: Blessed Lord, who has caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we might reverently hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Your Holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, through whose name alone we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (242:1-3)

HYMNS: 21:1-3; 37; 447; 453:2

THE RESPONSIVE INTROIT: (Psalm 62:1-2, 5-7 NKJV)

¹ Truly my soul silently *waits* for God;

From Him comes my salvation.

² He only *is* my rock and my salvation;

He is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved.

⁵ My soul, wait silently for God alone,

For my expectation is from Him.

⁶ He only *is* my rock and my salvation;

He is my defense; I shall not be moved.

⁷ In God *is* my salvation and my glory;

The rock of my strength, And my refuge, is in God.

Glory be to the Father...

THE EPISTLE LESSON: 2 Timothy 1:3-14

We are encouraged to stay faithful to the salvation which we have in Christ Jesus. We were blessed by God to learn of Jesus, often from parents or grandparents. God has revealed this salvation to us in Christ Jesus who brought life and immortality to light in the gospel. Let us remain faithful to our Savior and to His Word unto our end.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 17:1-10

Faithfulness to Jesus is found in careful Christian living. We take care that nothing in our lives undermines or weakens another's faith, especially the faith of children who pay such close attention to all we do and say. Let us be careful to be gracious in forgiving those who sin against even as the Lord

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forgives us. Let us remember that faith includes an absolute trust in the power and faithfulness of our God. Such faith is a powerful thing that can move mountains, but is humble before the Lord.

THE SERMON: Ruth 1:1-19a

Theme: Faithfulness in Real Life.

- I. Practical Choices May Conform to the Way of the World.
- II. Faithfulness to God Goes Against Human Nature

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Bible class will meet following the service. A **pot luck** meal will follow after Bible class at 11:30. Quarterly Voters meeting to begin at 12:30 p.m..

WEDNESDAY: **Catechism** from 4:30-6:00. Ladies Aid at 7:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: **Daylight saving time ends.** Turn your clocks back one hour! Worship at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school and Bible class will follow the service. Sermon text: Romans 3:19-28 Reformation Sunday!

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Randy Berg, Andy Ball, Luke Berg, Joe Ubl

September Cleaning: Hellickson

Lawn Mowing: Joe Ubl and Leon Hellickson

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: Oct. 20 worship - 27 Sunday school - 3 Bible class - 14

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,252.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$ 990.00	
Needed for Year:	\$52,585.00	
Received for Year:	\$42,848.00	

CLC NEWS: Pastor Michael Eichstadt of Hales Corners, WI has received the call to be Professor at Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire. Pastor Ben Libby, Ascension, Tacoma, WA has been called by Trinity, Spokane, WA. Pastor Timothy Wheaton, Living Word, Blue Springs, MO has accepted the call

to Prince of Peace, Loveland, CO. "Redeemer and Zion of Bowdle and Ipswich, SD, have called Mr. Allen Durham (a lay member of Resurrection, Corpus Christi) to serve as their pastor. The call document includes stipulations (1) to continue his distance studies through ILC with the intent of becoming a rostered called worker of the CLC in due time and (2) to reach out to the conference visitor for any matter he and the local trustees determine the Lord has yet to equip him sufficiently."

CLC Financial Report - September

CLC Financial Report	Balance	YTD	YTD	Budget	Balance
Operating Funds	7/1/2019	Revenue	Disburse d	3 Months	9/30/2019
General Fund (see below)	0	179,689	269,132	265,725	89,443
ILC Operations (incl CLC subsidy)	0	383,046	344,742	361,020	38,304
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	138,303	732	3,386		135,649
ILC Building Projects (AC/Dorm)	17,072	6,375	24,000		-
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	45,020	27,322	36,799		35,543
Kinship	56,634	15,514	32,576		39,572
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	1,442,490	148,105	101,061		1,489,534
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	50,707	67,559	35,358		82,908
Reserve Fund	278,088	0	0		278,088
Total	\$2,028,314	\$265,607	\$233,180		\$2,060,741

ILC Building Projects (Academic Center Balance & North Hall)	
Beginning Balance November 1, 2017	\$1,460,931
Current Balance September 30, 2019	\$1,189,528
Principal paid to date	\$271,403

General Fund - Offerings this month were \$60,654 vs disbursements of \$96,463, a shortfall of \$35,800 added to last month's deficit balance. A September deficit is typical, but steadily climbing in recent years: 2018: -\$89,827; 2017: -\$45,683; 2016: -\$21,140. **For Q.1 General Fund expenses were \$3,400 over budget, while offerings for Q.1 fell short by \$86,000.** The budgets of the Trustees, Regents, Missions, and Ed & Publications count on their major funding from CLC General Fund (CBP) offerings.

ILC Operations– ILC September revenue was \$103,766 (\$55.1 from student payments, plus \$44.8 from CLC subsidy) vs disbursements of \$119,990.

ILC Building Projects – Offerings were \$2,400 vs a disbursement of \$8,000 for the AC/North Hall monthly loan payment, leaving a -\$553 deficit. Last year the account received \$72,400 in congregational offerings & \$133,432 in special offerings. Expenses for last year were \$96,000 for Academic Center/North Hall loan payments, plus \$108,250 extra payments directly on loan principal, saving \$115,000 in long term interest and reducing the loan term by 2 years. The account is mainly for loan payments and needs \$8,500 to cover the next monthly loan payment.

CEF – September revenue was \$33,567 (from CEF congregational loan repayments), vs disbursements of \$89,887 (\$80,000 in notes redeemed, and \$9,887 for CEF debt service & admin.

MDF –Offerings were \$12,338 vs disbursements of \$7,260, including \$2,500 for India church building assistance, \$2400 Africa Outreach, \$500 India/Asia Exploratory, \$500 Bibles & pamphlets, with the balance for admin expenses.

SAF – Revenue of \$5,776 (incl \$4,850 STU loan repayments) vs disbursements of \$12,345 for student loans, grants, & scholarships.

Kinship – Offerings of \$6,068 vs disbursements of \$15,256, for orphans & students support.

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