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- **CLC News:** A memorial service for Ruth Reim, wife of Pastor Em. Rollin Reim, is set for 1:00 pm April 19 (day before Easter) at St. Stephen Lutheran in Mountain View, CA. Interment is planned for June 4 at the Lutheran Cemetery in New Ulm in a plot next to Gottlieb Reim, Adolph Reim, Edmund Reim and their spouses.



Our Response of Faith — March 16, 2014

Attendance: 20

Unified Budget	\$375.75
Total.....	\$375.75

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*I can do all things through Christ
who strengthens me.
- Philippians 4:13*

MARCH 23, 2014 – 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

Pre-service Meditation: Ps. 143, pg. 155

Organist: Bonnie Cornish

Pastor: Opening Prayer

Hymn 480 — *Lord of the Worlds Above*

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Ghost.

People: *Amen.*

Pastor: O Lord, open Thou my lips.

People: *And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.*

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

People: *Make haste to help me, O Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, Is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen. Hallelujah!*

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.

People: If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us pray together:

People: Almighty God, merciful Father, I am sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in my thoughts, words, and actions. But I am sorry for my transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto me. Forgive me for Jesus' sake, renew me by Your Spirit, and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.

Pastor: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven you all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in you, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

[All Sing]: God, we praise You! God, we bless You!

God, we name You sovereign Lord!

Mighty King whom angels worship,

Father by Your Church adored: All creation shows Your glory;

Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne

Singing "Holy, holy, holy, Lord of hosts and God alone!"

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Pastor: Prayer for the Day

People: *Amen.*

Announcements

- **Today** — A Bible Class presentation is scheduled to follow this morning's worship service.
- **Wednesday** — A midweek Lenten worship service will be held at Grace-Sleepy Eye at 7 p.m. A special voters' meeting (call meeting) will follow the service there.
- **Next Sunday** — Grace-Sleepy Eye worship services begin at 9 a.m. Worship here at Faith begins at 10:45 a.m.
- **From Pastor Libby:** *Last Sunday I announced to our congregations at Grace-Sleepy Eye and Faith-New Ulm my plans to resign from the pastoral ministry after the end of May (effective after services on Sunday, June 1). This was in many ways a very hard thought-out, hard prayed-out, difficult decision. This decision is in no way a reflection about the way I feel about our congregations and our people – I continue to love, cherish and appreciate you all – rather, this was a personal decision made with regard to the larger scope of my remaining in the work of the pastoral ministry, in general, at this time. My family and I have very much appreciated the love and support you have shown to us in our time together, even as you continue to do. We are certainly praying for the Lord's blessing for Grace and Faith during this time of pastoral transition, even as we pray for the Lord's blessings, and request your prayers, also, during our time of personal transition. – In Christ, Pastor Libby*
- **Special Voters' Meeting - Call Meeting - at Grace-SE:** A special voters' meeting for the calling of our next pastor, under Conference Visitor's, Pastor Jim Albrecht's, direction, will take place this Wednesday at Grace-Sleepy Eye following the regularly scheduled evening midweek Lenten service there.
- **From the ILC Board of Regents:** The Board of Regents announces the following nomination for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College: Professor Steven Sippert. The term of the call for President of Immanuel Lutheran College is for two years, extending to the end of Academic Year 2016. The call committee for educational institutions of the CLC will meet on the evening of April 28, 2014 in Eau Claire WI. Members of CLC congregations are invited to comment on the nominee. Comments on the

desired to see what you see, and have not seen it, and to hear what you hear, and have not heard it."

Pastor: Here ends our 2nd Scripture reading.

People: *Praise be to Thee, O Christ!*

The Apostles' Creed -- Hymnal, pg. 12

Hymn 433 — *Jesus, My Truth, My Way*

The Sermon – Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

“Christian Strength”

The Offertory

Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, And uphold me with Thy free spirit.

Hymn 528:1-6 — *If God Himself Be for Me*

The Offering

Prayer + The Lord's Prayer + Benediction

All: Amen, amen, amen!

Hymn 53 — *Abide, O Dearest Jesus*

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1st Scripture Reading – Psalm 27:1-7

The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid? 2 When the wicked came against me To eat up my flesh, My enemies and foes, They stumbled and fell. 3 Though an army may encamp against me, My heart shall not fear; Though war should rise against me, In this I will be confident. 4 One thing I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple. 5 For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock. 6 And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me; Therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD. 7 Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice! Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

Pastor: Alleluia, Alleluia. *God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear ... (Psalm 46:1-2)*
Alleluia!

Congregation: *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

2nd Scripture Reading – Luke 10:17-24

People: *Glory be to Thee, O Lord!*

Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." 18 And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 19 "Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. 20 "Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven." 21 In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. 22 "All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him." 23 Then He turned to His disciples and said privately, "Blessed are the eyes which see the things you see; 24 "for I tell you that many prophets and kings have