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- **CLC Foreign Mission Update:** Missionary Koenig sends the following recent good news from Myanmar: *The angels in heaven rejoice over one sinner who repents. The CLC-Myanmar has most of its membership among the Burmese people of Chin State. So it is with joy that Pastor Kham reports a Burmese conversion. Evangelist Mang has been working among Burmese soldiers in their camps. In particular he has recently been going to one young couple each week to instruct them in the Word. They now believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior and Pastor Kham baptized them. Mang does not receive financial support from the CLCM though he works under their auspices. We have given Bibles and Burmese catechisms to help with work among the Burmese. And we are hopeful that we will be able to provide more. It has not been easy for Mang to gain entrance to the military camp, but God has blessed his faithful work! Pray for God's richest blessings on this young couple in their new found faith. Pray for Evangelist Mang to keep doing this vital work.*
- **CLC News:** Rock of Ages Lutheran, Grand Rapids MI, has called the Rev. Mark Bernthal, Middleton, WI. ◊ On Wednesday, April 18, the LORD took to be with Himself retired CLC Pastor, Robert Mackensen. Funeral service arrangements are still pending. ◊ Through the Assignment Committee, Bethel Lutheran, Morris MN, has called graduate Mark Tiefel as pastor. ◊ On the occasion of his 40th anniversary in the public ministry, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Rapid City, SD is planning a surprise reception for Pastor John Klatt following its 9:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, June 24. If you plan to attend or wish to pass along greetings, please contact Greg and Nancy Kampfe at nkampfe@rushmore.com. Again, this is intended to be a surprise reception for Pastor Klatt, so please do not relay details concerning this reception to Pastor Klatt himself.

Our Response of Faith — April 29, 2012

Attendance: 17

Unified Budget	\$230.00
Total.....	\$230.00

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Jesus — The Good Shepherd

APRIL 29, 2012 – 3RD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Pre-service Meditation: Ps. 23, pg. 128

Organist: Lane Fischer

Pastor: Opening Prayer

Hymn 351 - *Love Divine, All Love Excelling*

Pastor: The Invocation

People: *Amen.*

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord!

People: *Who made heaven and earth.*

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

People: *And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.*

Pastor: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will, and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that, by Thy grace, we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Pastor: The Absolution

People: *Amen.*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Pastor: Prayer for the Day

People: *Amen.*

1st Scripture Reading – Acts 4:23-33

And being let go, they went to their own companions and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. 24 So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: "Lord, You are God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them, 25 "who by the mouth of Your servant David have said: 'Why did the nations rage, And the people plot vain things? 26 The kings of the earth took their stand, And the rulers were gathered together Against the LORD and against His Christ.' 27 "For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together 28 "to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done. 29 "Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, 30 "by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus." 31 And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and

Grace-Sleepy Eye, formerly a member here at Faith) underwent successful surgery for treatment of breast cancer, and was due to return home yesterday. Because of the extensiveness of surgery, Cathy will be at home recovering over the next few weeks. We praise God for His seeing Cathy through surgery and pray His blessings on her recovery.

- **MN Delegate Conf. Reminder:** The Spring 2012 Minnesota Delegate Conference will be held at Berea, Inver Grove Heights MN on June 10th at 3 p.m.
- **April Church Council Meeting Minutes:** The April 15, 2012 meeting of Faith's Church Council opened with prayer. Four men were present, plus Pastor Libby. A reading of the March meeting minutes was given and approved. The Treasurer's report was given and approved, showing an opening balance of \$20,687.01 and a closing balance of \$19,945.75. An update was given on the status of a memorial given to the church by the family of Russ Coleman. Eric Winkelman was removed from the church roster at this time in connection with a church discipline issue, with the prayer that this issue will be resolved in the near future. John Vorwerk updated the Council on a church/parsonage fire alarm system needed in order to continue renting out the church parsonage. John also informed the Council of some prospective renters. The Council discussed some of the issues that could be involved specific to this prospective rental situation. A new church copier has been purchased at Grace-Sleepy Eye after their previous copier gave out. Since Faith's copying duties are carried out at Grace, using the Grace's copier, a portion of expenses may be reimbursed to Grace by Faith when all new copier expenses have been ironed out. The meeting closed with prayer.
- **Nominations for President of ILC:** The Board of Regents announces the following nominations for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College: Pastor Wayne Eichstadt; Professor Joseph Lau; Professor John Pfeiffer; Professor Jeffrey Schierenbeck; Professor Steven Sippert; Professor Paul Sullivan. The term of the call for President of Immanuel Lutheran College is for two years, extending to the end of Academic Year 2014. The call committee for educational institutions of the CLC will meet on the evening of June 18, 2012 in Eau Claire WI. Members of CLC congregations are invited to comment on the nominees. Comments on the nominees should be submitted in writing and must be mailed or E-

fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd. 17 "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. 18 "No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."

“The Good Shepherd”

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 783 - *Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep*

The Offering

Prayer + The Lord's Prayer + The Benediction

All: Amen, amen, amen!

Hymn 436 - *The Lord's My Shepherd; I'll Not Want*

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Announcements

- **Thursday** — The Women of Faith are scheduled to meet at the apartment of Myra Geslin at 2:15 p.m.
- **Next Sunday** — Grace-Sleepy Eye worship services begin at 9 a.m. Worship here at Faith begins at 10:45 a.m. Sunday School and Confirmation Class are scheduled for next Sunday.
- **Cathy Fischer:** This past Thursday Cathy Fischer (a member of

they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness. 32 Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. 33 And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.

Pastor: Alleluia, alleluia! *Say to God, "How awesome are Your works!
Through the greatness of Your power Your enemies shall submit them-
selves to You. (Psalm 66:3) Alleluia!*

People: *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

2nd Scripture Reading – 1 John 3:1-2

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

Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. 2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

Pastor: Here ends our 2nd Scripture reading.

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

The Apostles' Creed -- Hymnal, pg. 12

Hymn 385:1-5 - *Now I have Found the Firm Foundation*

The Sermon – John 10:11-18

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. 12 "But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. 13 "The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. 14 "I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. 15 "As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. 16 "And other sheep I have which are not of this