

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Epiphany 2

Date: January 17, 2021

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 2: To Thy Temple I Repair
TLH 228, st. 1-5: Oh, Enter, Lord, Thy Temple
TLH 234: Holy Ghost, with Light Divine
TLH 655: I Pray Thee, Dear Lord Jesus

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalms 67, TLH p. 137

Liturgy:

WS, p. 1 (Projected)
Psalm 84, WS p. 38

Scripture Readings:

1 Samuel 3:1-10
John 1:43-51

Sermon: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

¹² All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. ¹³ Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body *is* not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴ And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. ¹⁵ Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make *them* members of a harlot? Certainly not! ¹⁶ Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body *with her*? For "the two," He says, "shall become one flesh." ¹⁷ But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit *with Him*. ¹⁸ Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. ¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? ²⁰ For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's. (NKJVTM)

DIGNITY IN GOD'S TEMPLE

✠ **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS** ✠

COVID-19 Pre-Cautions: If anyone is high risk, vulnerable, recently exposed to a COVID-19 patient, or has symptoms of illness (esp. high temp. and cough), the individual along with any others in that person's household are urged to stay home for one's own well-being and the well-being of others. Online worship is still available at FridleyLutheran.org. Due to the Governor's order, face coverings are required during worship at Grace. Children under the age of 2 are exempt. For physical distancing, post-its are on the pews that are to be used. Please remember to not block areas of foot traffic. Thank you for being mindful of your fellow Christians.

- ➔ **Voters & Dorcas Guild:** Will meet today shortly after worship.
- ➔ **Directory:** We are preparing for the annual Grace directory. Please check your contact information in the draft copy located in the narthex. Place a check mark by your entry if it is correct. If it is not, please edit as necessary. Your cooperation is appreciated as we attempt to produce an accurate directory. Also, please ensure your birthday and/or anniversary information is correct. Also, please indicate how you would like to be contacted via the contact tree.
- ➔ **Parking:** In recent weeks many people in this area of Fridley have reported a significant increase in unwelcome probing for unlocked vehicles. Members are encouraged to lock their vehicles when coming to church and to keep valuables out of plain sight.
- ➔ **Organ Fund:** Some have asked for the recent balance of the organ fund. As of the end of 2020, the treasurer reports \$10,125.
- ➔ **2021 Cleaning:** The 2021 cleaning sign-up list is now posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please consider signing up.
- ➔ **Statements:** In your mailbox is your Financial Offering Summary for 2020. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Benno Sydow.
- ➔ **CLC News:** Teacher Joshua Ohlmann at Grace Lutheran in Sleepy Eye, MN, has accepted the upper grade teacher and principal call to Holy Trinity Lutheran in West Columbia, SC. ✠ Pastor David Ude of Living Hope Lutheran in Appleton, WI, has returned the call to him by Redeemer Lutheran in Cheyenne, WY. Pastor Mark Tiefel of Redemption Lutheran in Lynnwood, WA (Seattle area) now has this call. ✠ Pastor Michael Eichstadt of Messiah Lutheran in Hales Corners, WI (Milwaukee area) has returned the call to Living Savior Lutheran in Eden Prairie, MN.
- ➔ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #4 – Second Commandment

Welcome to our guests and visitors. We appreciate the opportunity to share God's Word with you today. Please come again! Those interested in learning more about the Scriptures and our doctrinal position, please speak with the Pastor. He would be delighted to visit with you!

CLC Financial Report - December

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2020	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 6 Months	Balance 12/31/2020
General Fund	0	496,854	518,310	548,700	- 21,456
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	695,273	630,027	689,070	65,246
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	201,448	15,316	127,936		88,828
ILC Building Projects (AC/Dorm)	14,542	2,085,120	1,063,241		1,036,421
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	84,054	125,537	97,203		112,388
Kinship	86,093	98,915	60,972		124,036
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	1,914,371	1,744,915	142,530		3,516,756
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	84,280	50,741	70,541		64,480
Reserve Fund	294,092	26,232	0		320,324
Total	\$2,678,880	\$4,146,776	\$1,562,423		\$5,263,233

General Fund – December offerings of \$101,036 (incl a special gift of \$23,000) vs disbursements of \$73,291, resulting in a net gain, reducing our operating deficit by \$27,745. Regular & special General Fund CBP offerings over the last several months have reduced a -\$72,440 deficit by \$51,000. Praise the Lord for moving hearts to remember our General Fund needs, and blessing their resources to support it, since it gives major subsidy for **the work of our Boards of Trustees, Regents, Missions, & Ed/Publications**. Looking down the Balance column above, our aggregate balance was blessed with \$474,310 in revenue in December, described in the following reports.

ILC Operations – ILC revenue of \$114,476 (incl \$49,500 subsidy) vs disbursements of \$112,947, a net flow of \$1,529. Halfway through the fiscal year, disbursements are \$59,000 under budget needs.

ILC Building Projects – Dec. receipts were \$84,005 vs disbursements of \$2,805 for the Building Planning Committee expenses. Receipts for the month included \$995 in offerings and \$83,009 in earnings & final revenue transfers to the fund to close out the donated CRT. The Planning Committee is moving forward with a recommendation for consideration by our next CLC Convention this June for a new gym and repurposing the 50-year-old gym for ILC chapels, band/choir practices, plays, musicals, and CLC Conventions & large gatherings. Praise, Oh, Praise, our God and King!

CEF – December revenue was \$333,000 (including \$275,868 investment gains and \$57,062 from CEF loan repayments, including a congregation mortgage retirement) vs disbursements of \$10,848 in debt service & monthly admin expenses. The \$3.5 million balance may be needed in the near term for several large CLC & congregational loans which are anticipated.

MDF – December offerings of \$38,307 (including special offerings of \$1,500 & \$26,000) vs disbursements of \$13,146, which includes the 7th \$10,000 construction loan installment (of 12 planned) for the Nepal Bible Institute classroom, & \$2,000 for an India CLCI parsonage repair.

IIF – December revenue of \$13,179 (investment gains of \$11,189 thru Dec, congregation offerings of \$990, and a special offering of \$1,000) vs \$0 disbursements.

Kinship – Congregation offerings of \$5,794, specials \$4,235, sponsors \$9,765 vs \$150 for widows.

*“Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but to Your name give glory,
because of Your mercy, because of Your truth.” (Psalm 115:1)*

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

Council Meeting Notes – January 10, 2021

Meeting opened with prayer. December Council meeting minutes read and approved. December treasurer report was presented. Motion approved to distribute \$524.63 to each of the called workers (Pastor, Janelle, Heidi and Ellen). December report approved.

Pastor's Report

- Lent begins Wednesday Feb. 17. The pulpit exchange that has been done in past years with Berea, Red Wing and retired Pastors will be done again this year.

Board of Elders Report

- As reported by the Treasurer, offerings for the CLC Cooperative Budget Plan (CBP) met our 2020 goal. For the year 2021 an increase in the CBP of 13.5% has been proposed for consideration by the CLC Coordinating Council. A 13.5% increase would result in a Grace CBP offering goal of \$56,000. The Elders moved to recommend to the voters a 2021 Grace CBP offering goal of \$52,000. Approved.
- The Elders reviewed the suggestion to install a fold down table for the offering plate by the church sanctuary entry. Their decision is to not do this now but consider it later.

Board of Education Report

- The school Christmas break was extended one week due to infections and Covid-19 quarantines. School will open tomorrow January 11th with only one student still missing due to quarantine.
- The Board will review and respond to a question regarding the State of Minnesota required school days for the 20-21 term given this concern.

Board of Trustees Report

- The Trustees reminded of the upcoming workday on Jan. 30.
- The security camera installation is progressing. The parsonage front door camera and the garage camera are working, but the camera on the front church door has a connection problem that is being investigated.

Other Business

- Given vandalism and theft issues the ushers should be watching the cars in the parking lot. Pastor was asked to put a reminder in the bulletin that cars should be locked.

Adapted from minutes submitted by Philip Radichel, Secretary pro tem

What are you seeking?

This is what you will find among us:

- The Bible preached as it is — the living Word of the living God; not the preaching of social, political, theological, or ethical opinions of men.
- Man acknowledge as he is — born in sin, prone to error and doomed to hell unless rescued by God Himself; not man morally capable of redeeming himself.
- Jesus Christ worshipped as the Son of God made flesh to redeem lost and condemned mankind; not a Christ molded to accommodate the modern mind.
- God confessed as He has revealed Himself: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost — three divine Persons, one divine Essence; not some god fashioned either by the hand or the mind of man.
- Salvation proclaimed by grace through faith in the redemption that is in Christ Jesus; not by the works or efforts or striving of man.
- The Gospel preached and the Sacraments administered as the means of grace whereby the Holy Spirit creates and preserves faith; not self-induced religious experience or any so-called faith apart from that which is created by the Spirit through the Gospel.
- The Church accepted in faith as the congregation of believers — the creation of the Spirit of God; not a human organization subject to the manipulations of men.
- The business of the Church considered to be the preaching of forgiveness for the regeneration of individuals into eternal life; not the redemption of the world to conform to some social pattern of men.
- Ecumenism as Spirit-created unity in the Gospel; not as 'agreement to disagree' for the sake of power, organization, or the demands of expediency.
- Christian liberty in all that is neither forbidden nor commanded by our Lord; bondage to no word of man.
- All the Bible teaches — nothing more, nothing less.



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✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Eli Wales

Ushers: Larry Brandt; Jeremiah Boe; Nick Duehlmeier; Dale Enns; Duane Enns; Brandon Paplow; Pat Paplow

Counting Team 3: Brian Eichstadt; Duane Enns; David Hein; Dan Degnan; Benno Sydow

Church Cleaners: Volunteers? School: Rinne

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Larry Brandt; Jeremiah Boe; Nick Duehlmeier; Dale Enns; Duane Enns; Brandon Paplow; Pat Paplow

Counting Team 4: James Bomber; Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust

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✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Jan. 17: 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 2)
11:15 am – Voters & Dorcas Guild Meetings

Mon., Jan. 18: No School – Parent/Teacher Conferences

Wed., Jan. 20: 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class

Sun., Jan. 24: 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 3)

Sat., Jan. 30: 9:00 am – Work Day

Sun., Jan. 31: 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 4)

Sun., Feb. 7: 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper (Epiphany 5)

Wed., Feb. 17: **ASH WEDNESDAY**
7:00 pm – Midweek Lenten Services Begin

Last Week's Stats: Jan. 10, 2021 Sun.: 63 Bible Cl.: 26 S.S.: 11 Wed.: 22

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$4,419	CLC:	\$1,250
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,125	CLC:	1,000
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+294	CLC:	+250
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$6,090	CLC:	\$1,490
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	8,250	CLC:	2,000
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-2,160	CLC:	-510
GLC Other: 13	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	0
SAF Endowment: 0	MDF:	0	Kinship:	360
ILC Student Aid: 0	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF: 0	CEF: 0
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid:	\$2,228		