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✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Jan Davis

Elder: Phil Radichel

Ushers: Pat Paplow, Alex Baker, Kevin Baker, Dan Degnan,
Brian Eichstadt, Ryan Oman, Brandon Paplow

Counting Team 1: Dan Degnan; Larry Nelson; Phil Radichel;
Pat Paplow

Hospitality Team 6: Richard & Shauna Rhinesmith; Brian &
Maureen Eichstadt; Brandt & Teresa Wendland

Church Cleaners: Sydow

School: Gillenwater

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Pat Paplow, Alex Baker, Kevin Baker, Dan Degnan,
Brian Eichstadt, Ryan Oman, Brandon Paplow

Counting Team 2: Gary Gunther; Bill Rust; Bob Vandever;
Clint Welker; Mark Wales

Hospitality Team 1: Phil & Jackie Radichel; Lynn & Janice
Sandhoefner

Church Cleaners: Sydow

School: Gillenwater

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

- Sun., Nov. 16:** 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service
11:15 am – Hospitality
- Wed., Nov. 19:** 4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class
- Sun., Nov. 23:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service
11:15 am – Hospitality
- Wed., Nov. 26:** 7:00 pm – Thanksgiving Eve Worship @ Grace
- Thu., Nov. 27:** 9:00 am – Thanksgiving Day Worship @ Berea
- Sun., Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14:** 12:00-2:00 pm – Christmas Eve Rehearsal
- Wed., Dec. 3, 10:** 7:00 pm – Midweek Advent Worship
- Sun., Dec. 14:** 3:00 pm – ILC Piano & Organ Recital
- Wed., Dec. 17:** 2:00 pm – Christian Day School Concert at Northtown Mall
6:00 pm – Congregational Christmas Dinner
7:00 pm – Candlelight Worship
- Fri., Dec. 19:** 7:30 pm – ILC Christmas Concert
- Sun., Dec. 21:** 8:45 am – Christmas Eve Rehearsal; 12:00 Council Meeting
- Wed., Dec. 24:** 6:00 pm – Christmas Eve Worship
- Thu., Dec. 25:** 10:00 am – Christmas Day Worship
- Sun., Dec. 29:** 10 am – Worship Service
(Bible Class, Sunday School, Hospitality suspended)
- Wed., Dec. 31:** 7:00 pm – New Years Eve Worship w/Lord's Supper

Grace Lutheran Church & School

"And if I go
and prepare a place for you,
I will come again
and will take you to myself,



so that where I am,
there you may be also."

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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 23/Saints Triumphant Date: November 16, 2014

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 197: Where Wilt Thou Go
WS 766: Sing With All the Saints in Glory
TLH 660: I'm But a Stranger Here
TLH 54: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Worship Prep:

Psalm 84, TLH p. 139 f.

Liturgy:

TLH, p. 5 (Projected)
Gloria: TLH 570:1,8

Scripture Readings:

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon: Isaiah 52:1-6

¹Awake, awake! Put on your strength, O Zion; Put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city! For the uncircumcised and the unclean shall no longer come to you. ²Shake yourself from the dust, arise; Sit down, O Jerusalem! Loose yourself from the bonds of your neck, O captive daughter of Zion! ³For thus says the Lord: "You have sold yourselves for nothing, And you shall be redeemed without money." ⁴For thus says the Lord God: "My people went down at first Into Egypt to dwell there; Then the Assyrian oppressed them without cause. ⁵Now therefore, what have I here," says the Lord, "That My people are taken away for nothing? Those who rule over them Make them wail," says the Lord, "And My name is blasphemed continually every day. ⁶Therefore My people shall know My name; Therefore *they shall know* in that day That I *am* He who speaks: 'Behold, it is I.'" (NKJVTM)

*I'M BUT A STRANGER HERE,
HEAVEN IS MY HOME*



Commitment

One of the meanings for the word commit is "to bind by pledge or assurance." Therefore a commitment is "the act of pledging, obligating, or engaging oneself."

What a blessing that God committed Himself already in eternity to us. He committed Himself to be sinful mankind's Savior-God. He pledged, obligated and engaged Himself in the salvation of mankind by planning and then fulfilling our salvation- "who (God) has saved by planning and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began, (2 Timothy 1:9)."but we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth,." (2 Thessalonians 2:13)

He fulfilled that salvation by sending His Son Jesus into this sin-filled world to take our place and do what we could not do---live a perfect life of obedient love---and pay what we could not pay---atone for our sins and the sins of all of mankind. Thank God that He fulfilled His commitment to us. Commitment Six years ago the Lord led our synod to make a commitment to build a new Academic Center. At the 2008 CLC Convention it was resolved "That we finance this project (Academic/Administration Center) immediately following this Convention and begin building the Academic/Administration Center with the goal to break ground in September." This was passed and the building was built.

Since that time over \$314,000 has been given to pay the mortgage costs to the CEF. We need to average \$7,984 a month for the next 20 years. This is a major undertaking that the Lord led us to "pledge, obligate and engage ourselves" in. Only with His motivating power of the Gospel message of salvation will we be able to fulfill that commitment made six years ago. May our hearts respond to the good news of our God's commitment to save us by leading us to fulfill all of our commitments to love, serve, and follow Him.

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As I weigh the various ministerial needs and details of each congregation, I assure you that I will seek the Lord's guidance, implore Him for sound wisdom, and keep the dear blood-bought souls of Christ on my heart. I ask that all those who are impacted by this call do the same. This will surely help me as I consider where my God-given talents should be utilized to serve God's people. Inasmuch as I am human, I will do my best to factor out personal issues unless they would bring spiritual or significant physical harm to my family and me.

However, this is not only a time for a pastor to reflect on his personal gifts and abilities and the needs of the individual congregations. It is a fruitful exercise for the congregation in that it causes us all to ponder carefully our ministerial needs here and throughout Christ's kingdom. It is a time to weigh carefully what our congregation needs at this time and also pray diligently that the Lord will continue to allow the ministry among us and in Marquette to flourish in the Word that is preached and taught.

During the week I've been able to learn more about Calvary, although I'm pretty familiar with the ministry there since I served as Vicar there in 1995 and since my brother-in-law, Pastor Joel Fleischer, served there for many years until he recently accepted the call to Berea Lutheran in Sioux Falls, SD. Calvary (clclutheran.org/calvary/) currently has 132 baptized souls, 113 communicants, and 19 pre-communicants. It does not have a Christian Day School but is investigating the possibility of starting one. Attendance at worship averages 40. A parsonage is also provided to the pastor's family.

As I consider this call, I certainly invite the input of any who are impacted by the final decision. A common reaction for members of either congregation is to automatically tell the Pastor to stay or go. This can make a call decision very difficult because it doesn't really get to the heart of how a call is considered. It is better to know the reasons why one thinks the Pastor should stay or go. If you have such thoughts, please share them with me!

Please keep this call in your prayers and thoughts as I seek to follow the Lord's will concerning this matter.

In Christ our Lord and Savior, Pastor John Hein

✝ *THE ANNOUNCEMENTS* ✝

- ◆ **Thanksgiving Service:** The Psalmist cries out: "Oh, that *men* would give thanks to the LORD *for* His goodness, And *for* His wonderful works to the children of men!" (Psalm 107:15). We have an opportunity to do this on Thanksgiving Eve, Wed., Nov. 26, 7 pm. Please join your fellow Christians in bringing and singing thanks! Pastor David Schierenbeck will be our guest preacher in the Berea/Grace pulpit exchange.
- ◆ **Poinsettias:** There is a signup sheet for Christmas Poinsettias by the guest book. For any questions, please see Jackie Radichel.
- ◆ **ILC Christmas Concert:** Immanuel's Christmas concert this year will be held on Fri., Dec. 19, 7:30 pm, at Eau Claire. There is a signup list for the trip by the guestbook.
- ◆ **Parking Lot:** To make a contribution toward replacing this, write in "Parking Lot" on one of the Project lines of your offering envelope.
- ◆ **Wedding Invitation:** An invitation to the Abbie Hein/Nathan Noeldner wedding at 1 pm on Jan. 3 is posted on the bulletin board by the office.
- ◆ **2015 Cleaning:** The 2015 cleaning sign-up list is now posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please consider signing up.
- ◆ **Immanuel Girls Dormitory Supervisor:** Immanuel is beginning the process of finding a new dormitory supervisor for our female students. Kate Sauers intends to step down from this position at the end of the school year as her husband, Rob, will begin, God-willing, serving in the pastoral ministry. This is a very important position as the supervisor has the most intimate and constant contact with the students under her care. She is concerned not only with the physical needs of the students, but also the spiritual needs. Those CLC women who may be willing and consider themselves potentially capable of serving in this capacity, we ask that you would prayerfully consider this. A job description is available from your pastor. To apply, please contact ILC President Steven Sippert (steve.sippert@ilc.edu/715.836.6620) prior to the deadline on January 11, 2015.
- ◆ **Immanuel Food Services Manager/Head Cook:** Immanuel is now in search of hiring a new full-time food services manager/head cook. For many years Ethel Eder has served in this capacity, but she is retiring in May 2015. This person is responsible for the operation of the kitchen at Immanuel. This includes planning meals, acquiring food and needed supplies, preparing some meals, providing for the serving of meals, being responsible for kitchen and dining facility maintenance, having budget responsibilities, and monitoring compliance requirements related to a food service program. All student help associated with food service operations is under this person's supervision. For further details about this, please ask your pastor for a job description. To apply, please contact ILC President Steven Sippert (steve.sippert@ilc.edu/715.836.6620) prior to the deadline on January 11, 2015.

◆ **From the Elders:** All loose offerings collected during December will be distributed equally among the congregation's called workers.

◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Jay Hartmann of Resurrection in Corpus Christi, TX, has accepted the call to Faith in Coloma, MI. † Pastor David Schaller of Redeemer in Dowagiac, MI, has returned the call to Calvary in Marquette, MI. Pastor John Hein now has this call.

◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #10 – Eighth Commandment

Last Week's Stats: Nov. 9, 2014 Sun.: 102 B.Cl.: 49 S.S.: 17 Wed.: 24

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,947.84	CLC:	\$1,105.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,200.00	CLC:	1,040.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-252.16	CLC:	+65.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$143,627.86	CLC:	\$45,835.15	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	144,000.00	CLC:	46,800.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-372.14	CLC:	-964.85	
GLC Other:	143.50	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition Aid:	20.00
SAF Endowment:	25.00	MDF:	20.00	Kinship:	110.00
ILC Student Aid:	5.00	ILC Bldg.	165.00	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 0.00
Current Balances:	Parking Lot:	+675.00	Tuition Aid:	+2,072.12	

New Book: Pastor Emeritus Daniel Fleischer has produced a new book entitled "Standing on the Wall-- A witness of faith in a dying world." The book is 468 pages, containing articles that he has written over the years, some of which appeared in the Lutheran Spokesman and many that have appeared in our church bulletin. The cost is \$15. If you are interested, there is a signup list by the guestbook. Pastor Fleischer will provide copies of the book and you may pay him directly.

The back cover reads: "Though Satan cannot prevail, we should expect that the billowing waves of unbelief and wickedness will increase and will continue to beat upon the foundation of the Church. Particularly disturbing to faithful disciples of the Lord and His Word is the reality that the winds of apostasy are also buffeting the Church in an effort to undermine its foundation and destroy it, if it were possible. We are witnessing precisely the circumstances spoken of by the apostle Paul who warned that the time would come that "from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after themselves" (Acts 20:30). As the Lord God by His Spirit has established His Church on earth, we rest securely in the knowledge and faith that the Church, as God's Word itself, will endure and stand against all foes. That the Lord will protect and defend His Church does not excuse us, however, from heeding the same apostle's urging to "Watch, stand fast in the faith, be strong" (1 Corinthians 16:13). We pray that through the Word of our Lord God's people will be encouraged and strengthened to man the wall, be watchful, and shore up the dikes to the benefit of themselves and their children. We are grateful to the Lord if the book in hand helps the reader to hold fast the faithful Word with the confidence that the Lord through His Gospel will grant such strength in these latter days to all who call upon the name of the Lord in sincerity and in truth."

The following subjects are in the Table of Contents: Prayer, Devotional, Advent/Christmas, Lent/Easter, Ascension/Pentecost/Trinity, Means of Grace, Doctrine, Martin Luther/Reformation, Lutheranism, Confessionalism, Christian Education, Unionism, Fellowship, Church Life, Christian Life, Citizenship, Words of Faith, and Conclusion.

From Your Pastor Regarding the Divine Call:

This last Sunday I received a divine call to serve as Pastor at Calvary Lutheran Church in Marquette, Michigan, a city in the Upper Peninsula along the shore of Lake Superior. This means I need to consider where the Lord would best have me serve Him in sharing the Gospel, either here with my calling at Grace, or there with my calling at Calvary.



In the Bible we learn that Pastors and other ministers of God's Word receive such a call from the Lord Himself through the Christian congregation. He establishes such servants for the purpose of doing His kingdom work here on earth. The Apostle Paul reminded the called servants at the congregation in Ephesus of this when he said: "Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood" (Acts 20:28).

Being that the Holy Spirit is the One who determines who is to be a minister and where he is to serve, we all need to recognize that a call consideration is a sacred matter. It is not something to take lightly or handle in a haphazard manner. We all should see it as the right of any congregation in our fellowship, even our own, to call Pastors to serve with the glorious message of Christ's love. A call to be Pastor is not like a regular job. It is a divine call from God Himself. Therefore, the decision is not based upon where the Pastor might like it better. There are two basic questions to consider:

1. What are the different ministerial needs of the two congregations, the one where the Pastor is currently serving and the one from which the Pastor received the call?
2. Where can the Pastor best use his God-given talents and abilities to best serve the Lord in His kingdom work?

When a Pastor receives such a call, it certainly has a profound impact on everyone involved, often holding the lives of many in suspense. Certainly in this case it would include the congregation at Calvary in Marquette, the congregation here at Grace, my family, and even myself. Some may even worry or become anxious about what may happen if the Pastor stays or goes. But as we hold on to the fact that the call is one from God, we can also be assured that His will and purpose are being carried out.