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✝ TODAY AT GRACE ✝

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Phil Radichel

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

✝ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✝

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

Counting Team 3: Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Jack
Kirkham; Benno Sydow; Brandt Wendland

Hospitality Team 2: Janelle Hein; Chris Lentz; Jenny Kleifgen

Church Cleaners: Sandhoefner School: None

✝ OUR SCHEDULE ✝

Sun., Nov. 23: 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service
11:15 am – Hospitality

Wed., Nov. 26: 11:45 am – School Dismissal
4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Thanksgiving Eve Worship @ Grace

Thu., Nov. 27: 9:00 am – Thanksgiving Day Worship @ Berea

Sun., Nov. 30: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service
11:15 am – Luncheon
12:00-2:00 pm – Christmas Eve Rehearsal

Sun., 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 Year's 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."

John 14:3, NRSV

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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Last Sunday

Date: November 23, 2014

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 463, st. 1, 4-8: For All the Saints

TLH 613: Jerusalem the Golden

TLH 212, st. 1, 5-7: A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

TLH 616, st. 1, 7-8: Forever with the Lord

Worship Prep:

Psalm 100, TLH p. 144 f.

Liturgy:

TLH, p. 5 (Projected)

Gloria: TLH 36:1

Scripture Readings:

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon: Isaiah 65:17-25

(17) "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former shall not be remembered or come to mind. (18) But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; For behold, I create Jerusalem as a rejoicing, And her people a joy. (19) I will rejoice in Jerusalem, And joy in My people; The voice of weeping shall no longer be heard in her, Nor the voice of crying. (20) "No more shall an infant from there *live but a few days*, Nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days; For the child shall die one hundred years old, But the sinner *being* one hundred years old shall be accursed. (21) They shall build houses and inhabit *them*; They shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. (22) They shall not build and another inhabit; They shall not plant and another eat; For as the days of a tree, *so shall be* the days of My people, And My elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. (23) They shall not labor in vain, Nor bring forth children for trouble; For they *shall be* the descendants of the blessed of the LORD, And their offspring with them. (24) "It shall come to pass That before they call, I will answer; And while they are still speaking, I will hear. (25) The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, The lion shall eat straw like the ox, And dust *shall be* the serpent's food. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain," Says the LORD." (NKJV™)

THAT'S THE WAY IT SHOULD BE

DAY BY DAY

Dear Lord, I thank Thee every day
I'm able to arise,

That I can walk and work and pray,
And view with my own eyes

The glories of Thy majesty -

The sun and moon and sky,

And countless stars that I can see

As night and day go by.

Oh, teach me Thee alone to love,

To honor, serve, adore,

And when I reach the heavens above,

To praise Thee evermore.

By Louise Hanssler Sommer from The Lutheran Witness of Nov. 5, 1957

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.

THANKS

The apostle Paul's reasons for gratitude to God cover the whole territory of human life and experience. He gives thanks for:

- 1) His daily bread (Acts 27:35)
- 2) Men who have faith in Christ (Rom.1:8)
- 3) Deliverance from anxiety (2 Cor. 2:14)
- 4) Deliverance from temptation (Rom. 7:25)
- 5) The memory of his friends (Phil. 1:3)
- 6) Kindness in the day of trouble (Acts 28:15)
- 7) The "unspeakable" gift (2 Cor. 9:15)
- 8) The grace of God given believers in Christ (1 Cor. 1:4)
- 9) Those who bear the cross of Christ with him (Col. 1:3)
- 10) Spiritual gifts given him (1 Cor. 14:18)
- 11) The believers' faith, love and hope in Christ (Col. 1:12)
- 12) The eternal inheritance of the saints (Col. 1:12)
- 13) Those who gladly received the Word (1 Thess. 2:13)
- 14) The believers' growth in faith (2 Thess. 1:3)
- 15) Being chosen to salvation from eternity (2 Thess. 2:13)

**"In Everything Give Thanks: For This Is The Will
Of God In Christ Jesus Concerning You."**

(1 Thessalonians 5:18)

¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul;

And all that is within me, *bless* His holy name!

² Bless the LORD, O my soul,

And forget not all His benefits:

³ Who forgives all your iniquities,

Who heals all your diseases,

⁴ Who redeems your life from destruction,

Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,

⁵ Who satisfies your mouth with good *things*,

So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Psalms 103:1-5

✠ 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.
- ♦ **Among Us:** Maynard Hammond is temporarily residing at New Brighton Care Center, room 226. He is receiving therapy to see if progress can be made to return back home. During the week, Ellen Rust was hospitalized due to slurred speech. She has returned back to normal and is home. Joanna Gamble, daughter of Barb and Dan Fleischer, began chemotherapy this week for her cancer. May the Lord continue to provide the strength His children need.
- ♦ **Midweek Advent Services:** On Wed., Dec. 3, 10, and 17, at 7 pm. Our last midweek service on Dec. 17 will be our annual candlelight service preceded by the congregational Christmas meal at 6 pm.
- ♦ **Christmas Meal:** Please join us for a fellowship meal at 6 pm prior to the Candlelight service on December 17. Those attending may bring sandwiches, salads, or a dish to share.
- ♦ **Poinsettias:** There is a signup sheet for Christmas Poinsettias by the guest book. For any questions, please see Jackie Radichel.
- ♦ **Christmas Eve Service:** This is the rehearsal schedule:
 - ♦ Sun., Nov. 30: 12-2 pm (luncheon at church and may start a bit early)
 - ♦ Sun., Dec. 7: 12-2 pm (luncheon at church and may start a bit early)
 - ♦ Sun., Dec. 14: 12-2 pm (luncheon at church and may start a bit early)
 - ♦ Sun., Dec. 21: 8:45-9:45 am (please be here at 8:45 am so that we can start promptly in order to get through everything)

December is a busy month, but please remember the importance of these rehearsals for a successful Christmas Eve service. It is quite helpful for the children to know their individual parts by the first rehearsal, grade level parts by second rehearsal, and entire children parts by the third rehearsal. The three "Luke 2" parts are all together as a group. Parents are encouraged not to have your children formally memorize Luke 2, but to simply say it with the children once or twice a day. By the time Christmas Eve comes around, they will know it well. Each child should attend at least 3 sessions, but attending all is obviously the most preferable. The last rehearsal on December 22 is the most critical as it is the dress rehearsal. The children have a wonderful opportunity to express the Good News of our salvation through Jesus Christ. The parents' help is greatly appreciated to make everything go well, as is evident by how well things have gone the past few years.

- ◆ **Christmas Worship:** Our Christmas Eve service will be held at 6:00 pm with our children presenting the Christmas Gospel. The theme this year is: *Glory to the Newborn King!* The kids are asked to be here 1/2 an hour prior to the service so that we can take a group picture and run through some things. Christmas Day worship will be held at 10:00 am.
- ◆ **ILC Recital:** The ILC Piano/Organ Recital will be held on Sun., Dec. 14, at 3:00 p.m. in the ILC Fieldhouse.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **2015 Cleaning:** The 2015 cleaning sign-up list is now posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please consider signing up.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Parking Reminder:** For those members who are able, please park further away to permit those with physical impairments to be able to park closer to the church.
- ◆ **Parking Lot:** To make a contribution toward replacing this, write in "Parking Lot" on one of the Project lines of your offering envelope.
- ◆ **From the Elders:** All loose offerings collected during December will be distributed equally among the congregation's called workers.
- ◆ **Prayers:** Pastor Ted Barthels' daughter, Samantha, is still struggling with leukemia. She is scheduled for a blood stem cell transplant in Rochester. She will need to stay in Rochester for a number of weeks as she goes through this. She recently has had eye issues which have been treated and some progress has been made. To monitor progress go to caringbridge.org/visit/samanthabarthels. The Elders recently provided some financial assistance to the family due to numerous non-medical expenses that aren't covered by insurance. The family writes to Grace: "Dear Members of Grace, Brothers and sisters in Christ. As Thanksgiving approaches and I count the blessings, one that is appreciated now more than ever before is the love and support of our brothers and sisters in Christ! Thank you for your kind gift. It is a great help in setting up our temporary home in Rochester so Samantha will always be within 10 minutes of Mayo Hospital. Transplant is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 25. We appreciate your prayers. In Christ, The Barthels." (on bulletin board)
- ◆ **Invitation:** The Rev. Jay Hartmann will be installed as resident pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, Coloma, MI during a special service to be held there on Sunday, November 30th at 4:00 pm EST. (There will be no regular morning service at Faith on that day.) A fellowship meal will follow the installation service. Visiting clergy who wish to participate in the laying on of hands are asked to alert the undersigned.

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor John Hein is still considering the call to Calvary in Marquette, MI.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** Individual Parts for Christmas Eve

Last Week's Stats: Nov. 16, 2014 Sun.: 108 B.Cl.: ?? S.S.: 18 Wed.: 22

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,571.50	CLC:	\$820.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,200.00	CLC:	1,040.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-628.50	CLC:	-220.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$146,199.36	CLC:	\$46,655.15	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	147,200.00	CLC:	47,840.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-1,000.64	CLC:	-1,184.85	
GLC Other:	181.50	Living Faith:	7.00	Tuition Aid:	157.00
SAF Endowment:	0.00	MDF:	57.00	Kinship:	55.00
ILC Student Aid:	0.00	ILC Bldg.	105.00	IIF:	15.00
				CEF:	5.00
Current Balances:	Parking Lot:	+800.00	Tuition Aid:	+2,229.12	

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is **thanks** giving