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✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Jan Davis Elder: Brandt Wendland

Ushers: Roger Ochsner, Jeremiah Boe, Mike Dick, Arnold Gehrls, Bob Maki, John Maki, Joel Stifter

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

Hospitality Team 5: Pat & Dawn Paplow; Mike & Pat Dick; Frank & Ann Radichel

Church Cleaners: Kitzman School: Miller

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Roger Ochsner, Jeremiah Boe, Mike Dick, Arnold Gehrls, Bob Maki, John Maki, Joel Stifter

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

Church Cleaners: Kitzman

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Dec. 21: 8:45 am – Christmas Eve Rehearsal; 9:00 am – Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service
11:15 am – Hospitality; 12:00 pm – Council Meeting

Tue., Dec. 23: 12:00 pm – School Christmas Party (Dismissal for break after)

Wed., Dec. 24: 6:00 pm – Christmas Eve Worship (5:30 pm, children @ church)

Thu., Dec. 25: 10:00 am – Christmas Day Worship

Sun., Dec. 28: 10:00 am – Worship Service (No Bible Class, S.S., Hospitality)

Wed., Dec. 31: 7:00 pm – New Year's Eve Worship w/Lord's Supper
8:00 pm – New Year's Eve Fellowship

Sat., Jan. 3: 1:00 pm – Hein/Noeldner Wedding

Sun., Jan. 4: 10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper

Wed., Jan. 7: 4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students

Sun., Jan. 14: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service
11:15 am – Hospitality; 12:00 pm – Council Meeting

Last Week's Stats: Dec. 14, 2014 Sun.:125 B.Cl.: 40 S.S.: 34 Wed.: 120

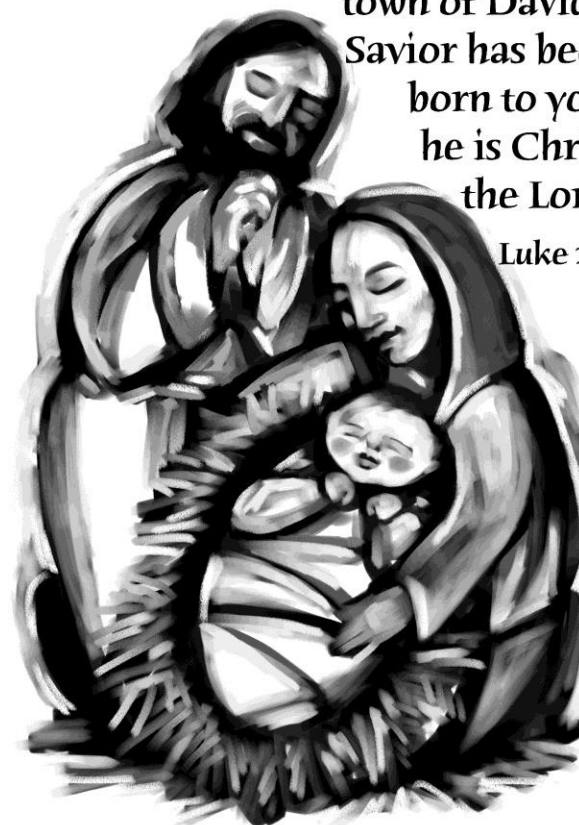
Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,501.84	CLC:	\$788.00
Wed. Offering:	Grace:	1,257.07	CLC:	60.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,200.00	CLC:	1,040.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+558.91	CLC:	-192.00
Year-to-Date Offering:.	Grace:	\$161,410.94	CLC:	\$50,744.15
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	160,000.00	CLC:	52,000.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+1,410.94	CLC:	-1,255.85
Total Budget for Year:	Grace:	167,000.00	CLC:	54,000.00
GLC Other: 1,060.92*	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition Aid:	765.00
SAF Endowment: 0.00	MDF:	50.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid: 50.00	ILC Bldg.	50.00	IIF: 20.00	CEF: 0.00
Current Balances:	Parking Lot:	+1,730.00	Tuition Aid:	+4,539.12

* \$360 Maynard Hammond Memorial

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Today in the
town of David a
Savior has been
born to you;
he is Christ
the Lord.

Luke 2:11



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Advent 4

Date: December 21, 2014

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 70: Hosanna to the Living Lord

TLH 86: Christ the Lord to Us is Born

TLH 103: To Shepherds as They Watched by Night

TLH 105:1,4-8: Praise God the Lord, Ye Sons of Men

Worship Prep:

Psalm 89, TLH p. 141 f.

Liturgy:

TLH, p. 5

Gloria: TLH 58 & 62

Scripture Readings:

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38

Sermon: 2 Samuel 7:8-16

(8) "Now therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: "I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people, over Israel. (9) "And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and have made you a great name, like the name of the great men who are on the earth. (10) "Moreover I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own and move no more; nor shall the sons of wickedness oppress them anymore, as previously, (11) "since the time that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel, and have caused you to rest from all your enemies. Also the LORD tells you that He will make you a house. (12) "When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. (13) "He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. (14) "I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. (15) "But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you. (16) "And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever." ' ' " (NKJVTM)

GREATEST KING EVER!

✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Caroling:** Today there will be a caroling outing, the group meeting at the church at 2 pm. The hope is to sing to a few of our shut-ins and elderly members. Please let Pastor know of your involvement.
- ◆ **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. Come worship the newborn king!
- ◆ **Video Tape:** Our Christmas Eve service will be discreetly videotaped and made available by request. If you are interested in a copy, please speak with Pastor, Frank Radichel, or Rick Nelson. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.
- ◆ **New Year's Eve:** On New Year's Eve we will be having a 7 pm worship service with the Lord's Supper. Afterward the congregation is invited to a party in the fellowship hall. Please bring an appetizer to share along with any of your favorite games.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Immanuel Positions:** Immanuel is hiring a new dormitory supervisor for our female students and a new food services manager/head cook. To apply, please contact ILC President Steven Sippert (steve.sippert@ilc.edu / 715.836.6620) prior to January 11, 2015.
- ◆ **CLC Mission Helper Trip to East Africa:** The application deadline is quickly approaching. If you are interested in participating, please apply no later than January 5, 2015. You can find information and apply online at: www.mht.lutheranmissions.org/.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Matthew Hanel of St. Matthew in Dallas, TX, has received the call to Redemption in Lynnwood, WA (Seattle area). ✠ Pastor Emeritus Paul Fleischer has accepted the call to serve the vacancy at Resurrection in Corpus Christi, TX, through Easter Sunday. ✠ Quinn Sprengeler, principal at Redemption in Lynnwood, WA, was diagnosed with a blocked artery near the heart, and had a stent installed.
- ◆ **From the Elders:** All loose offerings collected during December will be distributed equally among the congregation's called workers.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** All Parts for Christmas Eve

The following is the nomination slate for 2015:

- President: Eli Wales
- Vice President: Mike Dick
- Secretary: Michael Ude
- Treasurer: Brian Bergstrom
- Elder: Al Rosendahl, Benno Sydow
- Education: Chad Hestekin, Roger Ochsner
- Trustee: Kevin Baker, Pat Paplow

CHRISTMAS MUSINGS

C *hrist Jesus came into the world to save sinners*
1 Timothy 1:15

H *ope fully upon the grace to be brought at the revelation of Jesus Christ*
1 Peter 1:18

R *ich through Christ who became poor for us*
2 Corinthians 8:9

I *heritance in heaven guaranteed to believers in Christ*
Ephesian1:11,14

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Titus 2:11

T *idings at Jesus' birth inspire joy in the heart and overcome fear*
Luke 2:10

M *ankind reconciled unto God through the Lord Jesus*
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A *ppointed to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ*
1 Thessalonians 5:9

S *alvation unto us has come through God's free grace and favor*
Luke 2:30

*We are so blessed each Christmas time
To contemplate God's love —
A love so deep, so rich, so sure,
To sinners such as we.*

*The God who, by our sin betrayed,
Could well have cast us out,
Did in the Savior whom He sent
Reclaim us still again.*

*So let us here give thanks always.
For blessings far beyond our reach
Which freely flow to us through Christ,
To renew our hope each Christmas time.
Meanwhile as our days fly by,
And then our life is past,
O, take us, Lord, to where You are
Where Christmas hope's complete.*

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 12/2014

CLC E-Devotion – Tuesday, December 10, 2013

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THE ETERNAL KING FROM DAVID'S LINE

Foretold of old: The promised King Messiah would arise when it seemed impossible. Jesse was the father of King David. God had promised David that his descendants would reign on his throne forever. For over 400 years there was a descendant of David on the throne of Judah; then came the Babylonian captivity. Jerusalem was destroyed and the people taken away. There was no one from David's line that ruled as king in Jerusalem again. For over 600 years Israel was ruled by foreign kings. It seemed impossible that a descendant of David would reign again.

Yet God had foretold through Isaiah that a shoot would come from the "stump of Jesse." That implies that the great tree of David's dynasty would be cut down. There would be nothing left but a stump but God promised to raise a new shoot from that stump.

That shoot, of course, was Jesus. He did spring up from the root of Jesse, from a direct descendant of king David. As the angel told Mary, "The Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob, forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end" (Luke 1:32-33). God kept His promise to David and this promise in Isaiah.

This is an important reminder to us. Even when it seems impossible, God always keeps His promises and does it in ways more wonderful than we could imagine.

Are there times in your life when it doesn't seem possible that God will keep His promises to you? It may seem like God is not keeping His promise that He will never leave you or forsake you. Just be patient, God always keeps His promises.

Some laugh at Jesus' promise to come again and judge the living and the dead. Just be patient, He will keep that promise. He will come again. He will raise all the dead. He will judge the earth and He will take every believer who trusts in Him for forgiveness and salvation to live with Him forever in paradise.

The Advent season reminds us that, just as Christ Jesus the King came to this world when it seemed impossible and many had given up hope, so He will come again. It is also a reminder that our King can and does establish His kingdom of peace -- His rule -- when and where it seems impossible. In a world where there is no peace, even at Christmas time, our King is faithful and true to His promises. He rules in our hearts with true and glorious peace.

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