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✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: **Janelle Hein** Elder: **Frank Radichel**
Ushers: **Paul Lentz, Brad Kitzman, Rick Nelson, Keith Radichel,**
Bob Vandever, Bobby Vandever, Matt Vandever
Counting Team 2: **Gary Gunther; Bill Rust; Bob Vandever;**
Clint Welker
Hospitality Team 3: **Larry Nelson; Barb Sydow; Ryan & Mikey**
Oman; Nick & Miranda Duehlmeier; Dan & Cindy Degnan
Church Cleaners: **Anderson** School: **Wales**

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: **Paul Lentz, Brad Kitzman, Rick Nelson, Keith Radichel,**
Bob Vandever, Bobby Vandever, Matt Vandever
Counting Team 3: **Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Jack**
Kirkham; Benno Sydow; Brandt Wendland
Hospitality Team 4: **Rachelle Kanneh; Bob & Suki Vandever**
Church Cleaners: **Anderson** School: **A. Baker**

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Jan. 18: 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service
11:15 am – Hospitality
11:30 am – Voters and Dorcas Guild Meetings
Wed., Jan. 21: 4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class (Angels)
Sat. Jan. 24: 9:00 am – Work Day
Sun., Jan. 25: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service
11:15 am – Hospitality
Mon., Jan. 26: No School – Parent/Teacher Conferences
Sat., Feb. 7: 11:00 am – Bridal Shower for Christina Hein
Wed., Feb. 18: 7:00 pm – Midweek Lenten Worship Begins

Last Week's Stats: Jan. 11, 2015 Sun.: 115 S.S.: 21 B.Cl.: 41 Wed.: 21

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,781.16	CLC:	\$580.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,340.00	CLC:	1,040.00*	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-558.84	CLC:	-460.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$5,619.60	CLC:	\$1,271.60	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	6,680.00	CLC:	2,080.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-1,060.40	CLC:	-808.40	
GLC Other:	229.00	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition Aid:	50.00
SAF Endowment:	0.00	MDF:	70.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid:	0.00	ILC Bldg.	70.00	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 0.00
Current Balances:	Parking Lot:	+3,325.00	Tuition Aid:	+6,549.12	

*Based on 2014 Figure. Voters have yet to determine 2015 amount.

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Worship the
LORD in the
beauty of
holiness.
1 Chronicles 16:29

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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Epiphany 2

Date: January 18, 2015

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 634: Come, Jesus, from the Sapphire Throne
CDS: For Thy Mercy and Thy Grace (after Psalm 96)
TLH 639: For Many Years, O God of Grace

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 96, TLH p. 144

Liturgy:

TLH, p. 32 (Projected)
Offering: WS 793:3

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 96 (responsive)
Isaiah 6:1-8 w/TLH 249

Sermon: Psalm 96:9

Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Tremble before Him, all the earth. (NKJVTM)

WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS!

1. BUILDING

(TLH 638:1-3: In Loud, Exalted Strains)

2. FONT

(WS 751:1-2: God's Own Child I Gladly Say It)

3. ALTAR (FOR SACRAMENT)

(WS 755:1-2,5: What Is This Bread)

4. ALTAR (FOR WORSHIP)

(TLH 641:1,3-4: One Thy Light, the Temple Filling)

5. LECTERN

(TLH 296:1,3: Speak, O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth)

6. PULPIT

(WS 781:1,5: Preach You the Word)

7. PEWS

(TLH 467:1,3-6: Built on the Rock the Church Doth Stand)

✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Today's Worship:** 2015 is the 60th anniversary of Grace Lutheran Church. For 60 years Christians have come and participated in worship together. Today we are holding a special worship service focusing on those items found in our worship sanctuary.
- ◆ **Directory:** We are again preparing for the publication of the yearly directory at Grace. Please check your contact information in the draft copy of the directory located in the narthex. Place a check mark by your entry if it is correct. If it is not, then please edit as necessary. If you wish to add email or cell numbers, please do so.
- ◆ **Thanks:** Fred Dauer extends a word of thanks to all those who helped out to make the funeral a special event. He also thanks all those who have and are supporting him during this time. How blessed we are at Grace to have fellow Christians express their love in words and in actions!
- ◆ **Work Day:** This is scheduled for this coming Saturday at 9 am.
- ◆ **Bridal Shower:** A bridal shower will be held for Christina Hein on Saturday, Feb. 7 at 11:00 am here at the church. See the invitation on bulletin board for details. Please RSVP to Heidi Nelson by Feb. 1.
- ◆ **Choir:** Those interested in joining the choir may speak with Jan Davis.
- ◆ **2015 Cleaning:** A lot of slots are still open for the year!
- ◆ **Grade School Tournament:** The basketball tournament for our CLC youth is held on the Immanuel campus in Eau Claire, WI. This year it will be held on March 13-15. This includes grades 5th through 8th. Those who are interested in playing may speak with Pastor Hein.
- ◆ **Evangelism Workshop:** All are invited to participate in this year's Evangelism Workshop on Sun., Feb. 15, 3:00 to 6:30 pm at Messiah, Eau Claire. The theme this year is "Prepared to Answer!" Questions come your way when people know you are a practicing Christian. Will you know what to say? Do you know how to use questions as an opportunity to share your faith in Christ? This workshop will leave you better equipped to serve the Lord, who first served you, by being His witness. Our format will feature presentations, as well as break-out sessions for discussion and application. A soup and chili fellowship supper will follow. Come and learn – Come and share!
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Frank Gantt of St. Luke's in Lemmon, SD, has returned the call to Calvary in Marquette, MI. ✠ Teacher Sara Pfeiffer of St. Stephen in Mountain View, CA (San Francisco area), has been called by Gethsemane in Spokane Valley, WA, to be Principal and Teacher, as it reopens its school in the fall. ✠ Pastor David Pfeiffer of Ascension in Batavia, IL (Chicago area), has received the call to Redemption in Lynnwood, WA (Seattle area).
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #12 – Conclusion

UNDERSTANDING OUR FAITH:

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

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With regard to attendance at worship service, the most meaningful is the record that the individual keeps for himself. For those who attend regularly it is a good practice to question oneself occasionally as to why one attends. Is church attendance habit or pride? If that is the case repentance is in order. Or is attendance at worship born of a heart-felt need to hear the Word of God for one’s instruction and ones comfort? Might one’s desire for fellowship with Christian brethren be a contributing reason to why one delights to attend worship? Our Lord Jesus Christ desires that we come together to worship Him. Worshipping the Lord together serves to mutual encouragement. Besides the personal blessing that comes to the Christian through the Gospel, the blessings of fellowship with brethren are special as like-minded Christian gather around the Word and Sacrament.

But what about those who seldom or never worship? We expect this of heathen but not of such that profess to be Christian. What do they do on Sunday morning? Let us grant the benefit of the doubt that they faithfully carry on an active confessional life, confessing their sins unto the Lord, an active prayer life, an active study life, as well as an active worship life in their home with themselves and family. Let us grant that they do this each day of the week as well as on Sunday.

Yet corporate worship is God’s will. “Let us not forsake the assembling of ourselves together as the manner as some is” (Hebrews 10:25). There is a certain catharsis in joining with the brethren in confession of sins. Mutual confession of sins equalizes all, children and adults, rich and poor, men and women, before the cross. Together we rejoice for ourselves and each other as we hear the words of absolution: “Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us and hath given His only Son to die for us and for His sake hath forgiven us all our sins....” The joy of worship is not what we are doing for God, but what He has done and is doing for us. The message of the living Gospel energizes the chords of the heart in thanksgiving for the grace of God, which has appeared to all men bringing salvation. This joy is ours personally, in church or at home, but it is a precious privilege to raise heart and voice in

united voice within the assembly of God’s people and declare, “For the Lord is great and greatly to be praised” (Psalm 96:4).

Fellowship is a wonderful blessing. A Christian has fellowship with God the Father through the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord is the Author and Creator of such fellowship through the Word of the Gospel. It is a gift of the Holy Spirit. The response of the Christian to this relationship into which he has been brought is a fruit of faith; the fellowship which God has created with Himself elicits from the Christian a “Yea and Amen” to the will of God, as well as to the blessings of God. One of those blessings is the fellowship with fellow believers. It is manifest through mutual support and encouragement of one another. Not the least of this encouragement is when Christians worship together. In this context, worshipping together says, “I need you, and your presence assures me that you need me,” as we walk in common faith through a hostile world to the mutual goal in heaven. This is true regardless of the size of the congregation, but it is especially meaningful in small congregations where the very existence of the congregation may depend on the activity and participation of all the members. Fellowship is a blessing, but fellowship implies joining with others. One cannot fellowship with self!

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The Psalmist said, “I was glad when they said unto me, ‘Let us go into the house of the Lord’” (122:1). With good reason! “I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright and in the congregation” (111:1). Surely we are among those for whom he prays, “Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; And let those who love your salvation say continually, ‘Let God be magnified’” (70:4) until finally those who have rejoiced in the message of salvation are numbered among all those to whom the Lord says, “Come, you blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world” (Matthew 25:34).

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