

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Sue Nelson Elder: Frank Radichel

Ushers: David Stifter, Scott Baker, Chad Hestekin, Al Rosendahl, Dylan Stifter, Lyle Trulin

Counting Team 2: Gary Gunther; Rick Nelson; Bill Rust; Bob Vandever, Clint Welker

Hospitality Team 2: Brian & Maureen Eichstadt; Janelle Hein; Jenny Kleifgen; Chris Lentz

Church Cleaners: Rosendahl School: Kanneh

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: David Stifter, Scott Baker, Chad Hestekin, Al Rosendahl, Dylan Stifter, Lyle Trulin

Counting Team 3: Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Benno Sydow; Chad Hestekin

Hospitality Team 3: Larry Nelson; Barb Sydow; Nick & Miranda Duehlmeier; Dan & Cindy Degnan

Church Cleaners: ?? School: NA

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Nov. 22: 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service
11:15 am – Hospitality

Wed., Nov. 25: 4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service @ Grace

Thu., Nov. 26: **THANKSGIVING DAY**
9:00 am – Thanksgiving Day Worship Service @ Berea

Sun., Nov. 29: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service
11:15 am – Hospitality
12:00-2:00 pm – Christmas Eve Rehearsal

Sun., Dec. 6, 13: 12:00-2:00 pm – Christmas Eve Rehearsal

Wed., Dec. 2, 9: 7:00 pm – Midweek Advent Worship

Thu., Dec. 10: 2:00 pm – Christian Day School Concert at Northtown Mall

Sun., Dec. 13: 3:00 pm – ILC Piano & Organ Recital

Wed., Dec. 16: 6:00 pm – Congregational Christmas Dinner
7:00 pm – Candlelight Worship

Fri., Dec. 18: 4:00 pm – Missionary Evensen Commissioning @ Messiah
7:30 pm – ILC Christmas Concert

Sun., Dec. 20: 8:45 am – Christmas Eve Rehearsal; 12:00 Council Meeting

Thu., Dec. 24: 6:00 pm – Christmas Eve Worship

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

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

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Church Year: Last Sunday

Phone: 763-784-8784

Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Date: November 22, 2015

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 609: Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

TLH 604: Great God, What do I see and Hear!

TLH 605: The World is Very Evil

TLH 371:1-2, 6-7: Jesus, Thy Blood & Righteousness

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 70, TLH p. 138

Liturgy:

TLH, p. 5 (Projected)

Gloria: TLH 19:1

Scripture Reading:

1 Thess. 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon: Amos 5:18-24

¹⁸Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! For what good is the day of the Lord to you? *It will be* darkness, and not light. ¹⁹*It will be* as though a man fled from a lion, And a bear met him! *Or as though* he went into the house, Leaned his hand on the wall, And a serpent bit him! ²⁰*Is not* the day of the Lord darkness, and not light? *Is it not* very dark, with no brightness in it? ²¹"I hate, I despise your feast days, And I do not savor your sacred assemblies. ²²Though you offer Me burnt offerings and your grain offerings, I will not accept *them*, Nor will I regard your fattened peace offerings. ²³Take away from Me the noise of your songs, For I will not hear the melody of your stringed instruments. ²⁴But let justice run down like water, And righteousness like a mighty stream. (NKJVTM)

What to Expect When You're Expecting Judgment Day?

1. Those who refuse to repent of their sin can expect darkness, not light
2. Those whose worship makes a mockery of God's Word can expect rejection
3. Those who trust in the righteousness of Christ can expect light and salvation

✠ 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!
- ◆ **Midweek Advent Services:** On Wed., Dec. 2, 9, and 16, at 7 pm. Our last midweek service on Dec. 16 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 16. Those attending may bring sandwiches, salads, or a dish to share.
- ◆ **Poinsettias:** There is a signup sheet for Christmas Poinsettias by the guest book. If you are interested in purchasing a plant for our Advent/Christmas services, please indicate that on the signup sheet. For questions, see Jackie Radichel.
- ◆ **Christmas Eve Service:** This is the rehearsal schedule:
 - ◆ Sun., Nov. 29: 12-2 pm (luncheon at church and may start a bit early)
 - ◆ Sun., Dec. 6: 12-2 pm (luncheon at church and may start a bit early)
 - ◆ Sun., Dec. 13: 12-2 pm (luncheon at church and may start a bit early)
 - ◆ Sun., Dec. 20: 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 and Psalm 23, but to simply say it with the children once or twice a day. By the time Christmas Eve comes around, they will know these well. Each child should attend at least 3 sessions, but attending all is obviously the most preferable. The last rehearsal on December 20 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: *The Good Shepherd is Born!* The kids are asked to be here 1/2 hour prior to the service so that we can take a group picture and run through things. Christmas Day worship will be held at 10:00 am.
- ◆ **Northtown Concert:** This year the Grace School children will be singing at the Northtown Mall earlier than normal, on Thu., Dec. 10, 2 pm.
- ◆ **2016 Cleaning:** The 2016 cleaning sign-up list is now posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please consider signing up.
- ◆ **From the Elders:** All loose offerings collected during December will be distributed equally among the congregation's called workers.

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **ILC Recital:** The ILC Piano/Organ Recital will be held on Sun., Dec. 13, at 3:00 p.m. in the ILC Fieldhouse.
- ◆ **ILC Christmas Concert:** Immanuel's Christmas concert this year will be held on Fri., Dec. 18, 7:30 pm, at Eau Claire. There is a signup list by the guestbook should you like to ride the bus to the concert.
- ◆ **Invitation:** The Commissioning of CLC Foreign Missionary Peter Evensen will take place at 4:00 pm on Fri., Dec. 18 (prior to the ILC Christmas Concert) at Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI
- ◆ **From Memorial Blood Center:** Your blood drive on 10/11/2015 helped to save and sustain lives in our community. A total of 22 units were collected at the Grace Lutheran Church blood drive. These donations are already helping patients in need. Thank you for making a life-saving difference!
- ◆ **CLC Mission Development Fund (MDF):** In recent months, offerings to the MDF have not been sufficient to carry out many of the projects that have been planned. This has led to the Board of Missions having to make the necessary decision to suspend, eliminate, or reduce funding for several worthy project requests from our missionaries and foreign church bodies. These projects include the purchase and distribution of Bibles and Catechisms. Pray that our Lord will continue to provide offerings to the MDF so we can encourage and support these important efforts to spread the saving Word of God.
- ◆ **CLC News:** From Pastor Emeritus Jim Sandeen: Carol & I bless the Lord & rejoice to tell you that ... my primary care oncologist has happily confirmed that there continues to be no leukemia blasts detected, that my bone marrow is 100% engrafted with the new stem cells which are steadily growing & maturing, and producing in increasing measure the healthy blood cells needed. ... I have been released to go live at home in Eau Claire on a permanent basis ... *"Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name!" "O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good."*
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #11 – 9th and 10th Commandments

Last Week's Stats: Nov. 15, 2015 Sun.: 100 S.S.: 15 B.Cl.: 42

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,692.75	CLC:	\$825.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,340.00	CLC:	1,060.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-647.25	CLC:	-235.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$139,781.29	CLC:	\$39,353.45	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	153,640.00	CLC:	48,760.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-13,858.71	CLC:	-9,406.55	
GLC Other:	355.75*	Living Faith:	52.00	Tuition Aid:	98.00
SAF Endowment:	0.00	MDF:	65.75	Kinship:	0.00
ILC Student Aid:	0.00	ILC Bldg.	100.00	IIF: 20.00	CEF: 0.00
Current Balances:	Parking Lot:	8,646.00	Tuition Aid:	1,137.12	
* \$25 Richard Cowan Memorial					

CLC FINANCIAL REPORT

October 2015

CLC Financial Report	Balance	Year to Date	Year to Date	FY 2016 Budget	Balance
Operating Funds	7/1/2015	Revenue	Disbursed	4 Months	10/31/2015
General Fund	0	253,917	319,311	\$308,000	(65,394)
ILC Operations	0	479,907	399,669	\$445,433	80,238
Total	\$0	\$733,823	\$718,980	\$753,433	\$14,843
Auxiliary Funds					
IIF - ILC Improvement	21,975	13,073	4,420		30,628
ILC Building	16,899	31,773	38,363		10,309
MDF - Mission Development	92,551	79,089	99,199		72,441
Kinship	54,418	20,688	20,755		54,351
CEF - Church Extension Fund	1,463,337	271,624	722,804		1,012,157
SAF - Student Aid	(6,833)	75,114	53,006		15,275
Reserve Account	127,092	0	0		127,092

<u>ILC Academic Center Mortgage</u>		
Beginning Balance:	January 1, 2010	\$1,751,804
Current Balance:	October 31, 2015	\$1,352,798
Principal Paid to Date:		\$399,006

Comments:

- The General Fund deficit is (\$65,394) at the end of October
- General Fund offerings are \$54,083, less than budget year-to-date
- General Fund spending was \$11,311 over budget year-to-date
- ILC balance is positive \$80,238 because of fall registration payments
- September MDF expenditures totaled \$16,882, major items included \$9,000 for disaster relief, \$1,357 for Germany conference, and \$2,000 for Liberia seminar
- IIF spent \$1,663 for work on the professorages in October

Dr. James A. Sydow, CLC Treasurer
 Philip E. Radichel, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees

Prof. Egbert Schaller on Baptism



“What happened at your baptism? No one could ask for a better, clearer answer than the one offered by the apostle in words that a child can readily understand: ‘Baptism doth also now save us.’ It is a statement over which the unbeliever stumbles and falls, but in which the true Christian rejoices.

“In some churches baptism is shamefully neglected because with frightful arrogance and insolence they have stricken this passage out; they do not believe what it says. But that does not change it; baptism saves us! It means to be saved from the guilt and punishment of sin, to be saved through Jesus Christ our Lord, and to receive the gift of eternal life. Baptism does this, for the words say so.

“We know, furthermore, by what miracle baptism saves us--for as God tells us time without number, salvation is by faith. ‘He who believes and is baptized will be saved’ (Mark 16:16). Apart from faith there is no salvation. If baptism saves us, it is because baptism makes believers of us, working faith in our hearts.

“You did not understand all this at the time of your baptism; you were small and unthinking. It is true that faith is made up of knowledge, assent, and trust--which the Holy Spirit worked in you. We do not know how much of each was given you or how, but the mystery does not make God’s gracious assurance less true. We know only that, although you had no reasoning knowledge and could not express what you believed, God did not wait for that. If you did not understand at the time, what did that matter?

“When a man gets his arm caught in a machine, or another has fallen into deep water and is drowning, they often do not know for hours or days how they were rescued--nor does the rescuer take time to stop and explain politely to the unconscious form what he is doing or how he will do it. In such an emergency one saves first, and answers questions afterward. You and we all were born into an emergency of the most critical kind. Look into your Scriptures and read of it! ‘[You] were dead in trespasses and sins’ (Ephesians 2:1); ‘[We] were by nature children of wrath, just as the others’ (Ephesians 2:3). Spiritually blind, dead, enemies of God, foreigners to the Kingdom of heaven as we were, and in imminent peril of dying the eternal death, God did not wait upon our reason to grow and our mind to develop but simply reached in and saved us, and He did so by baptism.”



Much has been happening in Nepal over the past six months since an earthquake brought such devastation. After seven years of frustration and much negotiation, the constitutional assembly of Nepal finally signed a constitution into law. This constitution officially declared Nepal a secular nation; meaning that no specific religion would receive preference. While this brought much satisfaction and appreciation from our Christian brothers and sisters in Nepal, it also brought with it the threat of persecution from those who wanted Hinduism and Buddhism to be named the official religions of Nepal. In addition to these new struggles, Indians along the southern border of Nepal, who are sympathetic to the Hindu nationalists have set up blockades at border crossings. These blockades have slowed the much needed imports of fuel and building materials to those trying to rebuild. Also hampering the rebuilding efforts have been the heavy rains of the annual monsoon season. Much of the work of the HCLCN to this point has been in providing basic relief in the form of food, first aid, blankets, and basic shelter in rural villages and urban area where the HCLCN has congregations.



Raju, along with his father, brother, and others have recently begun a several week trip to visit and distribute more supplies to those in need. They will also be assessing the availability of materials needed as they begin to rebuild church buildings, homes, and farm buildings of the pastors and members of HCLCN.

Our Lord Provides! As reported in September, our Lord has graciously moved hearts to provide sufficient funds to complete all of the proposed earthquake relief and rebuilding projects. **Offerings to the Nepal Relief Fund are no longer needed.**

Earthquake Relief Efforts for the victims of the April 25th earthquake in Nepal have followed a three phase approach...

1) Immediate Emergency Relief:

1. Food and Clean water
2. Shelter (tents, tarps, blankets, etc.)
3. Basic First Aid

2) Short Term Relief:

1. Visits and encouragement to earthquake victims
2. Medical treatment
3. Temporary shelter during the monsoon season

3) Long Term Relief:

1. Rebuilding homes
2. Rebuilding church buildings

The first two phases of immediate emergency relief have, for the most part, been completed. The CLC Board of Missions continues to stay in close contact with Pastor Raju as the HCLCN continues to carry out relief efforts.



A CLC Board of Missions visitation to Nepal is being planned for mid-January. The agenda for this visit will include...

- Ordination of HCLCN pastors who have completed training.
- Dedication of the new HCLCN Bible Training Center.
- Assess opportunities for Kinship involvement with HCLCN Bible Training Center student support.
- Assess and monitor earthquake relief efforts.
- Visit and encourage earthquake victims.
- Raju and Sanju's wedding (January 31, 2016).

"...as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith" Galatians 6:10